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Dear Fellow Servants of Jesus Christ:

The illustrious career of our late Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson defies description. One has to have seen it to comprehend its significant impact. Even then, it is difficult even for an eyewitness to conceive that one man could exert such vast influence over so much and so many.

His life was an expression of what God can do with and through an individual who is willing to obey God and trust God to do fantastic things.

It is hoped that this memorial issue of the *Whole Truth* will portray for generations to come just a few of the many reasons why Bishop G.E. Patterson was so greatly loved, admired, and appreciated.

I was proud to call him friend and brother. It was an honor to have served by his side.

Yours in Christ,

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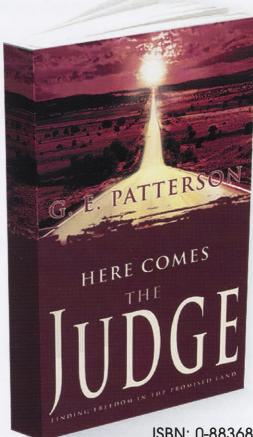
You say that you have surrendered your entire life to God, and you're living in the Promised Land of your salvation.

But it seems that the feeling of fulfillment was temporary-replaced by emptiness. Sickness has crept in where health should be. What about your finances? You thought you would be rich, not just living from day to day. Depression has become a way of life. The feeling of freedom and power has been replaced by bondage and fear.

But God loves His people, and He loves you too much to let you shrivel up in a dungeon of depression or helplessness. In the days of the Old Testament, God sent men and women with the authority to deliver His people from oppression, even when they didn't deserve His mercy. These deliverers were called "judges," because they brought His justice and mercy into balance in the lives of His people. Today, you have the greatest Judge of all-Jesus Christ.

G. E. Patterson challenges you to let Christ break the shackles of low self-esteem, poverty, and spiritual dryness off your life. Open your heart to His righteous judgments, and you will find His offer of forgiveness, grace, and new freedom! With Jesus the Deliverer on your side,

you are the only person who can prevent your freedom.



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Dear Saints:

When the Lord calls one of His children home to be with Him, it leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew and loved that saint of God. On February 5, 2007 the Lord called Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr., the General Secretary of the Church Of God In Christ, from labor to reward.

He was known throughout the brotherhood as a "servant's servant". This was due to a life of love for God, and his unselfish service to the ministry of the Church Of God In Christ and its leaders in particular. He served the Bishops J. O. Patterson, Sr., L. H. Ford, C. E. Owens, and G. E. Patterson during each of their tenures in office. His compassionate devotion brought

about great respect among the people of the Church Of God In Christ.

Having served his constituency since the 2000 quadrennial election as the General Secretary, his legacy of excellence in service was imprinted upon the office where he served. I am honored to have been a part of his vision to revitalize the Office of the General Secretary bringing its operation into the millennium. I would like to take this medium to assure the people of God that the level of service to the ecclesiastical body whom this office serves will not diminish.

When a pattern of excellence has been laid out, it is not difficult to continue to follow that pattern. All aspects of the day to day operation of the office are being carried out with diligence. The staff is yet available during regular business hours to service your needs. We want to continue to:

- Build, establish new and maintain quality relationships with the Jurisdictional Bishops and the Jurisdictional Secretaries
- Enhance the linkage between the Jurisdiction and the General Church
- Enhance the General Assembly Registration Process
- Increase communications through publications
- Continue the timely arrival of the Credential card
- Utilize the Internet for more effective communication

The office of the General Secretary looks forward to the tremendous reunion of the Lord's people from across the globe as we celebrate the Centennial Convocation. A Commemorative Centennial Membership Certificate will be available for all churches who desire to receive one. The historical value of such a document is incomprehensible, due the fact that most of us will not see the bi-centennial celebration. In the not too distant future, you may go online to www.cogicgensec.org to get additional details about this historical certificate.

As the General Secretary, it is my endeavor to persevere and forge ahead in service to the Lord and His people. Elder A. Z. Hall, Jr. left a legacy of service, and with the Lord as my strength, and with your prayers I intend to continue serving the Lord's servants.

In His Service,

Elder J. Harley Lyles General Secretary

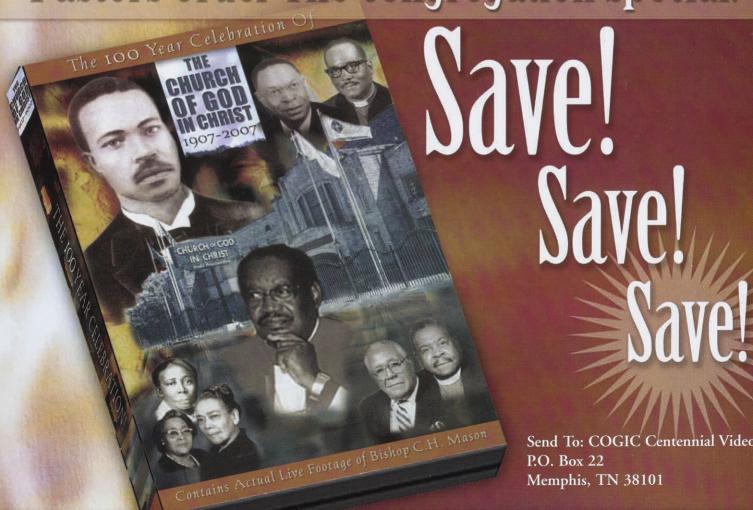
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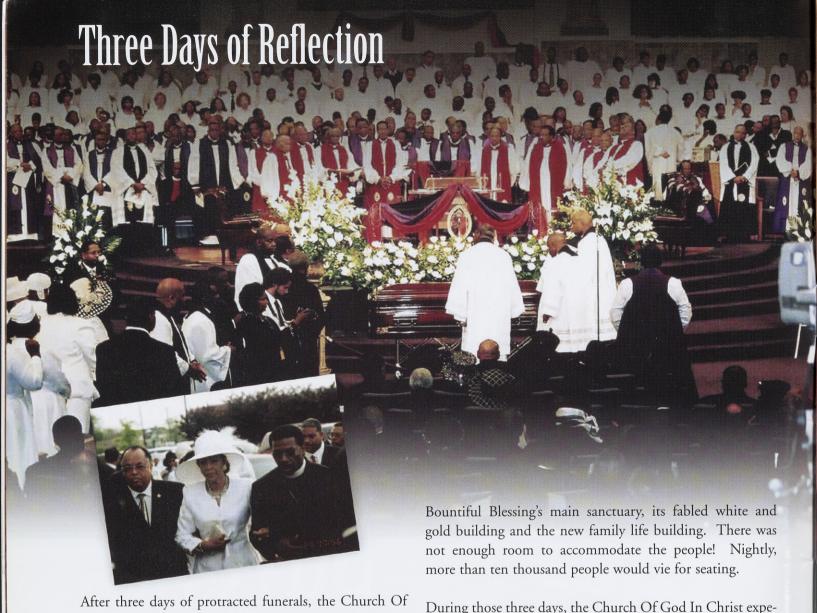


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God In Christ and the world at large emerged exhaust-

ed, but rejoicing in the spirit and appreciating God for having known Bishop G.E. Patterson. The healing and the strengthening process will assuredly take place in our Church because there are so many things the Church must continue to do. God will not and has not deserted His people.

Presiding Bishop Gilbert Patterson's death brought the great and small together, and we sat in awe of God's decision to call home our leader

and friend. Gilbert Earl Patterson, preacher, prophet, ecclesiastical titular head, philanthropic patron, and organizational innovator, left us too soon! Even in one of the world's largest Pentecostal denominations, the demise of this one individual profoundly touched the two million constituents of the Church Of God In Christ. The massive gathering overflowed nightly in During those three days, the Church Of God In Christ expe-

rienced a home going celebration unparalleled, and so was the preaching. It was a vivid indication of what Bishop Patterson meant to the worldwide membership and to those who worked closely with him. The community of Memphis and the surrounding area shared in the experience, as more than 14,000 people from every walk of life filed through Mason Temple to view the Presiding Bishop lying in state. Thursday night, March 29, 2007, the first eulogy was offered. Elder Frank A. White preached as a son would about a father and champion. He offered First Lady Louise Patterson a bound



Bishop C.E. Blake

copy of his message, his gift for the historic collection of G.E. Patterson artifacts. Elder White commented, "Mother Patterson, you gave me the greatest honor of my life, to stand here and speak well of your husband." He then praised her for the forty years commitment to marriage she and the bishop shared. His subject was, "We Have the Victory!" On

Mother Louise Patterson an example of saintly strength



Bishop Charles E. Blake preaching



The Lord provided smiles



Justices Swam and Brown share a moment



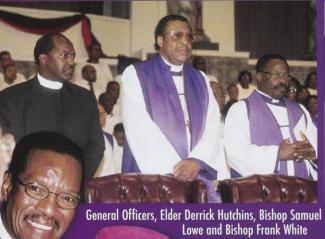
Board of Bishops in procession



Bishop A. Williams speaks with Bishop Earl J. Wright



President Bill Clinton speaks to the COGIC





Justice Brown, Elder Williams and Missionary Law



Bishop Charles Brown greets Pastor Drew Sheard



Presiding Bishop Charles and Mrs. Mae Blake



Board of Bishops Members

Friday night, Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, a man privileged to work with Bishop Patterson before he became presiding bishop; during days of challenge, long campaigning for the office, and finally, one who shared the ordeal of the bishop's illness, preached a storied message. He stood before a house of mournful saints, full of the moment, and etched upon his face was the beleaguered look of a man who was dealing with the loss of his best friend. And he did speak his convictions and preached, "I am Going Home." The subject of his message was his heart felt offering as he interpreted the text from Genesis 15:15.

March 30, 2007, Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Charles E. Blake, a life long friend and colleague came to the pulpit with words of comfort and triumph. Bishop Blake graciously spoke to Mother Patterson and the family, with a tone that was healing and consoling. Adorned in his bishop's colors, the First Assistant Presiding Bishop acknowledged the great multitude of official ecclesiastical colleagues from around the world. It was befitting that a giant such as Bishop Blake would eulogize one known for his powerful preaching, musical gifts and world fame, as Bishop G.E. Patterson. His text was selected from John 2:1,12. The thought, "When Someone Is Missing" bespoke the point that Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus was missing when Jesus started his earthly mission. We do tend to miss those who are prominent among our ranks!

The musical selections for the worship services were unparalleled. Bishop Patterson was a musician and singer in his own right. Nightly, choirs and famed gospel artists performed music of faith and victory. Recording artists like Myrna Summers, Elder Rance Allen, Pastors Marvin Winans, Donnie McClurkin, and the International Choir were included in an array of talented recording artists and musicians.

The world religious community was represented by clergy of many reformations. At the official service, Saturday morning, the Pentecostal and Charismatic world leaders offered beautiful tributes. The Right Reverend James B. Leggett General Superintendent, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, gave a tribute. Other notable bishops and preachers filled the seating area. A sizeable college of interdenominational bishops with notables as Bishops J.Delano Ellis, Paul Morton and dozensof other Pentecostal leaders were present. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was there with Dr. La Simba Gray, dean of Memphis' Baptist clergy.

The political world was on site. Former President Bill Clinton came and related his experiences with Bishop

Patterson and the Church Of God In Christ. During Clinton's early political life, Bishops D.L. Linsey and L.T Walker of Arkansas were his political allies. They helped him forge his statewide campaigns for governor of Arkansas. Bishop Walker was particularly effective with the unions. As Clinton spoke from the podium the gathering gladly and warmly applauded him. The Honorable Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, represented President George W. Bush. During the three days of funeral rites, the saints heard from luminaries as Dr. Benjamin Hooks, the Honorable W.W. Herenton, Ph.d, Mayor of Memphis, A. C. Wharton, Mayor of Shelby County, and Mr. Kevin Kane, President of Memphis Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Many who understood the magnitude of the man, G. E. Patterson, laid their calendars aside and traveled to Memphis. The funeral was majestic, royal and holy. The brilliant colors and ceremonial dress of the bishops, adjutants and those officiating added to the splendor of the ceremony. News media's coverage of the funeral was carried the world over. Through it all, the beautiful first lady of the Church, Mother Louise Patterson held her emotions. The obligation of being strong and maintaining her composure under the lights and scrutiny of the world at large was done. There was nothing effortless about the quality of the long and patient demeanor she held. She did it for us! She carried our griefs and sorrows by aiding and comforting us with smiles and confidence. She represented quiet dignity and inner peace, the kind that only God gives.

When the burial adjutants shouldered the beautiful coffin for the last time, they symbolically were carrying away the body of a godly giant. The legacy and spirit of G.E. Patterson will remain. The quality of his contribution will speak through the ages, if the Lord delays His coming. Gilbert Earl Patterson faced the challenges and complexities of being Presiding Bishop. Any argument about his contribution to the development of the Church could be about how truly comprehensive his period of leadership was. The Church Of God In Christ he left was not the same Church he inherited. He made us better! He set new directions, monitored our performances and encouraged new standards in our business and organizational operations. His preaching renewed and inspired us to new achievements in evangelism. His courage and outward look at life developed his episcopal colleagues for a greater tomorrow, and inspired his constituents to lasting commitments to God and Church. He demonstrated that we (COGIC People) are anointed by God and appointed to be the Church Of God In Christ! O



Bishop Blake presented Former President Bill Clinton



World class figures, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Mr. Julian Bond and Kwane Kilpatrick



Gospel Singer, Pastor Timothy Wright



Bishop Blake speaks



Mother Willie Mae Rivers



Parliamentarian, Attorney Eric Slack greets a friend



Bishop Bobby Henderson greets Bishop Jesse Ellis



Mrs. Blake and Mr. Clinton listening to the eulogy



Judiciary Board attended



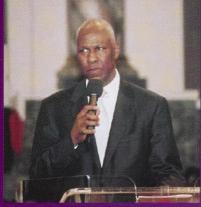
Elder & Mrs. Charles Wallace, MD and friend

Church men came far and wide to pay respects to Bishop G.E. Patterson



Let's Celebrate A Great Centennial Year

100th International Holy Convocation from the staff of The Whole Truth



Mayor Willie Herenton- a long term associate of Bishop Patterson



Bishop Blake confers with Bishops Brown and Hamilton



Gospel recording artist, Myrna Summers sang the glory down



Mayor A.C. Wharton and Former Congressman Harold Ford Jr. attends



Governor Phil Bredesen of Tennessee



Choir sang to the glory of God



The Patterson Family Mourns



City Council Woman Barbara Ware & Husband Rev. Ware

Bishop Blake introduces and prays for Bishop Earl J. Wright, Bishop P.A. Brooks and J. N. Haynes



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Former Congressman Harold Ford Jr. and Governor Bredesen attended



Bishop and Mrs Gerald Glenn mourned the loss



Elder Milton Hawkins and Wife



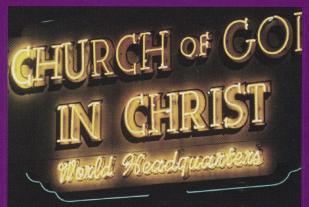
Elder White preached the local church funeral message



The Empty Chair- symbol of the departed leader



The twins: Jean and Dean



Sign outside of Mason Temple



Harold Ford Jr. speaks

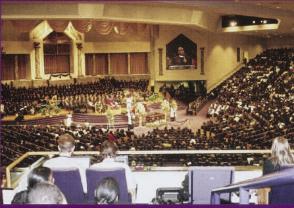


Mason Temple adorned in memorial colors



Youth speak of their pastor

Local Baptist Ministers



Nightly the Sanctuary was filled and overflowing



Bishop Maynard pondered the meanings



Rev. Rance Allen



The Choir



Bishop Jerry Maynard preaching



Gospel Recording artists, Donnie McClurkin and Marvin Winans were a blessing



Bishops Winbush, Thomas and Owens



Bishop D.P. Burton



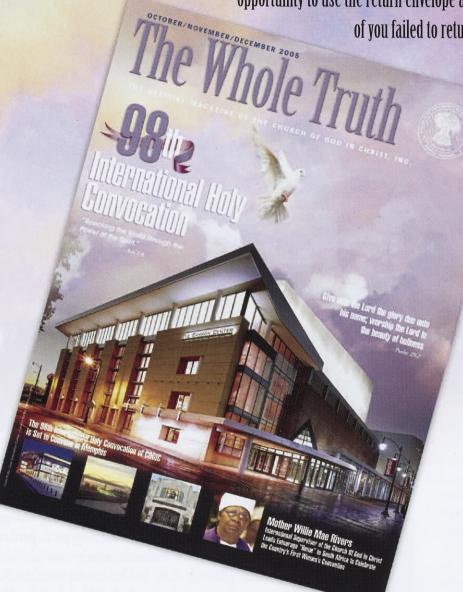
Sister Diane Bogan escort the sainted mother, Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers



Faithful friends gave support in time of need

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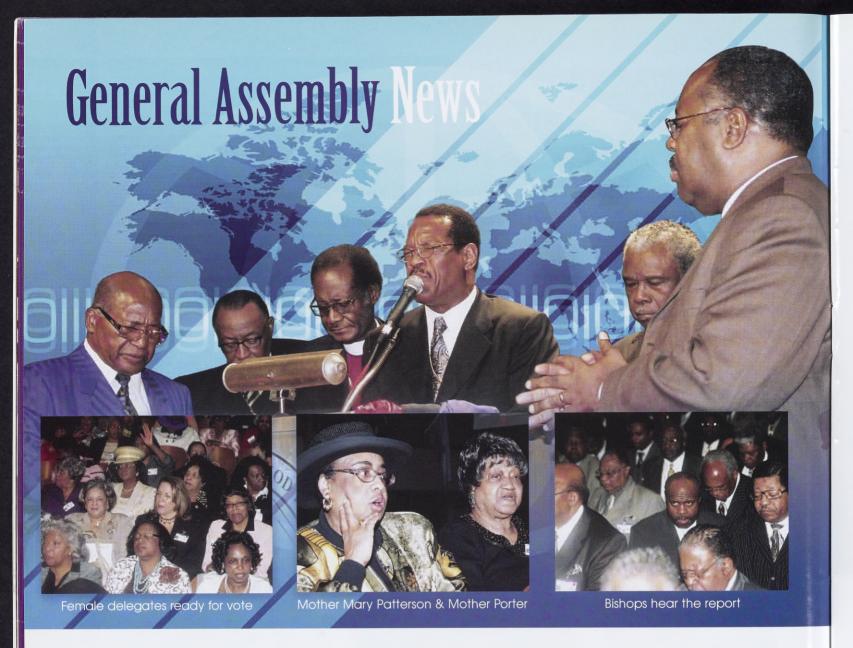
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It is not too late!



April 10-11, 2007, Memphis, TN- The transition of power is always a ticklish thing in the Church Of God In

With the demise of Presiding Church. Bishop G. E. Patterson, the General Assembly was duty bound to place titular control in the hands of our next leader. Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr., was poised to direct the house and wanted to avoid the drama and hectic environs that usually accompany the electoral process; especially while the Church was yet in an official mourning period. The General Assembly was certified for business and the main purpose for this session was reportedly constitutional amendment reading. It was only after

the death of Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson that the chief item of the agenda would become finding the successor.

Bishop Charles Blake and the General Board faithfully discharged their responsibilities to the late presiding prelate. The funeral proceedings were historic and reflective of the holy and high calling of the office of Chief

Apostle. The First Administrative Assistant preached a profound and comforting eulogy. After the funeral the certifying of organizational stability became more crucial with each passing day. The entire world witnessed our praise and thanksgiving for the man, the preacher, and the titular leader of the Church Of God In Christ.

The strength of the organization and the integrity of our polity were under public scrutiny.



Bishop J.O. Patterson Jr.

When the General Assembly Chairman passed out the agenda, there were no interim designations associated with the offices of presiding bishop or general secretary. The delegates quickly approved the agenda, without interim designations. There was a slight buzz among the delegates, but all remained reserved. The General Assembly opened with peace, and its functionaries worked extremely well to provide a dignified atmosphere for finding a replacement for the late Bishop Patterson.

Bishop J.O. Patterson declared that he took the designation of interim from the General Assembly agenda, and both positions appeared in normal status. He commented, He and his family would call Bishop Blake "the presiding bishop." These two statements forced the delegation to decide whether the chairman's actions were constitutional. Only a brief and softly spoken inquiry was made. The other concern was whether there should be an election? Delegates opened their little black discipline books while others produced copies of amendments passed since 1968-1990. There is such an amendment that grants a right of secession passed by the assembly, and people were reading it. The chairman explained the amendment passed only one reading and hence had no real constitutional credibility, but did show intent. On the surface there appeared to be a possible edge developing in the smooth running April Call Meeting.

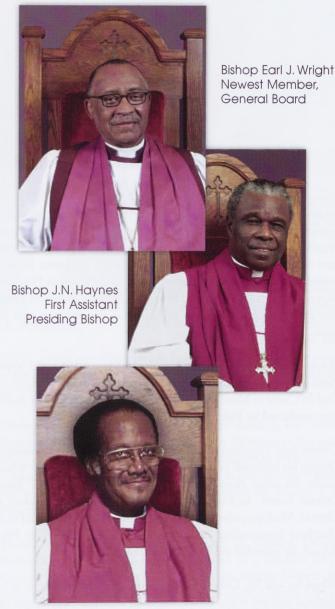
Alas! The Chairman of the General Assembly prevailed upon the house that no election would be conducted. His position tended to settle the house emotionally, and it was generally considered the way God would have the matter. Most delegates were happy to see the selection of the next presiding leader and general secretary take place smoothly. Then he conducted voice vote elections for the First and Second Assistant Presiding Bishops positions. Bishop J. N. Haynes was received as First Assistant Presiding Bishop and Bishop P. A. Brooks was received as Second Assistant Presiding Bishop. Both clergymen are quality persons of rank and stature. Finally, the remaining seat on the General Board was filled by moving Bishop Earl J. Wright to the board. Bishop Wright was number thirteen on the 2004 vote tally and through the assembly's consent, he gained the seat. It was indeed a curious mix of maneuvering and grace under fire! A clear cut picture of when elections will be held, other than the normally scheduled November, 2008 election, will be determined in November 2007.

The result is that the Church has a fine leader in the person of Bishop Charles Blake. During his period of stewardship leading to the election 2008, it is incumbent upon each bishop, pastor, elder and credentialed woman to work with his program. Conspicuously holding back

support may signal that we lack unity, and the maturity to see beyond personality and our own personal aspirations.

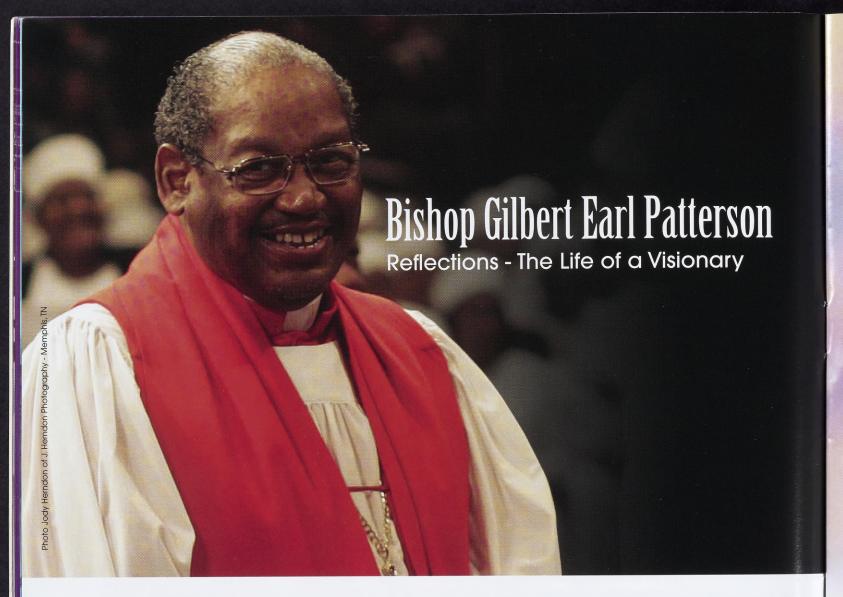
In the spirit of unity, Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush announced the year of the Centennial is in vogue, and the General Assembly focused upon the numerous events that would make November 2007 unique!

Chairman Patterson conducted the long awaited reading of the proposed constitutional changes. The Blue Ribbon Committee stood and read each line of the proposed changes and made the house feel a sense of accomplishment. The arduous process of amending the constitution made some real progress in the April Call Meeting. The committee was empowered to continue its work. Bishop John Sheard and the members accepted the challenge. Θ



Bishop P.A. Brooks Second Assistant Presiding Bishop





Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson was born September 22, 1939 in the parsonage of the Church Of God In Christ in Humboldt, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Bishop William Archie Patterson, Sr. and Mary Louise Patterson. Four other children were born to the family: Elder William Archie Patterson, Jr., who preceded him in death, Evangelist Mary Alice Patterson Hawkins, Supervisor Lee Ella Smith and Evangelist Barbara Patterson Davis. The Patterson Family moved to Memphis two months after his

His spiritual journey began at age 11. In May of 1951, the young Patterson was saved during a revival at Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ in Memphis where his father was pastor. The revival was conducted by Elder Johnny Brown.

Gilbert Earl Patterson had an insatiable appetite for knowledge. During his boyhood years he attended Lincoln Elementary School across the street from the old Patterson home at 1567 South Orleans Street. In May of 1952, the Patterson family moved to Detroit, Michigan where he was enrolled and later graduated from Hutchins Intermediate and Central High School. After High School, he attended the Detroit Bible Institute.

When he was 16, Gilbert experienced a climactic moment in his spiritual journey when he was baptized with the Holy Ghost on, September 16, 1956, during a Sunday night service at his father's

church, New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ, 7361 Linwood Avenue. A month later, he was called to preach the gospel. He preached his first sermon, "We Wait For Light, But We Walk In Darkness," Isaiah 59:9, on Tuesday night January 22, 1957. Two months later, he was licensed by his father and was later ordained by Bishop J. S. Bailey, on August 28, 1958.

Gilbert Patterson returned to Memphis in December of 1961 to serve as Co-Pastor of Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ and to attend Lemoyne-Owen College. At that time Holy Temple had 80 adult members and a few children. For the first three years, growth was minimal. In June 1964, something happened that spawned unusual growth. Elder Gilbert Patterson led the congregation in three days and nights of total abstinence, fasting and prayer. This was followed in July with a 30-day tent revival which was held at the corner of Wilson and McLemore. During the revival, 55 people were saved and added to the church. This marked the beginning of Gilbert Patterson's anointing to attract large crowds by his preaching. Over the next ten years, Holy Temple's growth was unparalleled.

While preaching, May 22, 1966, from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths, one of those in attendance who heard him preach was the former Louise Dowdy.

Through his powerful preaching, she was saved that night and later filled with the Holy Ghost. She became the love of his life and his greatest jewel. He would stand every time she entered a room.

The love that they found in each other would last for more than forty (40) years. They were united in Holy Matrimony on May 27, 1967. From that time, Gilbert and Louise Patterson began ministry together, winning many souls for Jesus Christ. As a vital and vibrant partner in ministry, many times during Bishop Patterson's absence, Lady Patterson stepped forward to maintain the congregation. Even today, Lady Louise continues to be an instrument in the ongoing ministries of Temple of Deliverance, the Cathedral of Bountiful Blessings.

Subsequent to announcing his plan to resign as pastor of Holy Temple, effective February 23, 1975, Gilbert Patterson purchased

and remodeled the old Mount Vernon Baptist Church at 547 Mississippi Blvd. On March 2, 1975, this church became Temple of Deliverance, the Cathedral of Bountiful Blessings Ministry.

The initial service resulted with four hundred thirty-six (436) persons becoming members of the new church. In less than three years, the membership grew to over 2,000. Immediate plans were made to build a larger sanctuary and on October 8, 1978, three years and seven months from the opening, Temple of Deliverance entered its new sanctuary. At a cost of 1.2 million dollars, it was the first church built by African-Americans, in Memphis, to cost more than a million dollars.

By 1984, the 1,200 seat sanctuary could no longer contain the 11:00 a.m. worshippers and even with extra chairs

in the aisles, the crowd frequently overflowed into the fellowship hall downstairs where the worship was viewed by closed circuit TV. On July 5, 1987 a west wing, which seated approximately 600, was dedicated. Thirty-two years from the opening of Temple of Deliverance Church Of God In Christ, the membership has grown to more than 17,000, with an active roster of more than 8,000. In May, 1999, Bishop Patterson and Temple of Deliverance Church Of God In Christ entered into its' new 5,000 seat Worship Center, built at a cost of 13 million dollars. In 2005, the congregation dedicated the 5 million dollar G. E. Patterson Family Life and Youth Center, which was built without securing a bank loan. Temple of Deliverance is one of the fastest growing congregations in the country.

During his ministerial career, Bishop Patterson organized seven churches across the country. Bishop Patterson reached out to young ministers, giving many opportunities to preach to large audiences in the national meetings of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Patterson sowed into numerous ministries fatherly wisdom and finance as well.

Bishop Patterson was a man of compassion. He was a member of the nine-person strategy team which invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis for the Sanitation Worker's strike. His work to champion civil rights earned him many awards. In 1993, Bishop Patterson and the Temple of Deliverance embraced the Memphis community by serving free hot meals daily. They fed more than 178,000 in two years.

Bishop Patterson was the Founder/President of Bountiful Blessings Ministries that is viewed globally on the B.E.T. and TBN cable networks and various local television stations across America. He was the editor and publisher of the Bountiful Blessings Magazine

which has a distribution list of over 200,000. He was the President and General Manager of WBBP Radio, a 5,000-watt, full time gospel radio station. He was President of Podium Records, a record label which produced numerous projects nominated for Grammy Awards. Among them: Bishop G. E. Patterson Presents Rance Allen and the Soul Winners Conference Choir-1999; also the hit CD's Bishop G. E. Patterson and Congregation Singing the Old Time Way Volumes One and Two. Volume One was nominated for a Grammy in 2006, making Bishop Patterson a two-time Grammy Nominee. Bishop Patterson also won the 2006 Stellar Award for Best Traditional Male Vocalist.



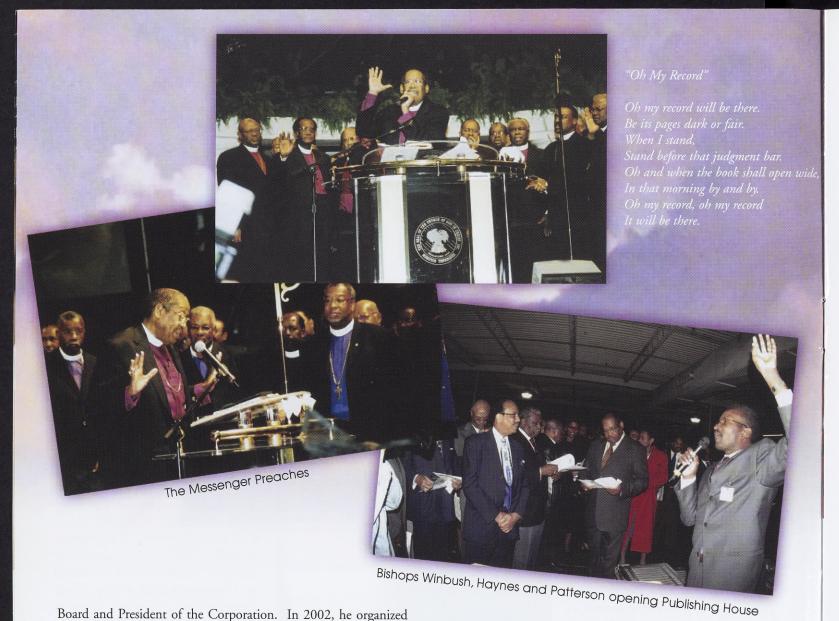
Bishop & Mrs. G.E. Patterson

Bishop Patterson held an honorary doctorate degree from Oral Roberts University and was a contributing writer in the *Spirit Filled Life Bible*

(KJV), which was edited by Dr. Jack Hayford. He was the author of the critically acclaimed book, "*Here Comes The Judge*," published by Whitaker House Publishing.

During the November1986 General Board meeting, the General Board voted unanimously to elevate Gilbert Patterson to the sacred office of Bishop with an ecclesiastical jurisdiction in Memphis. In a subsequent annual Bishops Conference, in Jacksonville, Florida, the will of the General Board was affirmed by Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.

During the 1992 Quadrennial Election of General Officers, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson was elected as a member of the General Board. On November 14, 2000, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson was elected as Presiding Bishop of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. He was re-elected by acclamation in November, 2004. As Presiding Bishop, he was the Chairman of the General



Board and President of the Corporation. In 2002, he organized COGIC Charities, Inc., the philanthropic arm of the Church Of God In Christ. Through this nonprofit organization, the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. assists victims of natural disasters, and underwrites other efforts to uplift humanity. Bishop Patterson led the renovation of historic Mason Temple, including the installation of central air conditioning, correction of structural deficiencies and enhancing the audio-visual capabilities of the sanctuary by adding jumbo screens throughout.

Bishop Patterson was also inspired to establish All Saints Bible College, a vital part of the Mason Temple renovation. The City of Memphis and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development partnered with the Church of God In Christ in this project.

Of all of his achievements, none gave him greater satisfaction than to see lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore his legacy is best seen in the hearts and minds of the millions who have been touched through his ministry and exemplary life. The desire of Sister Louise Patterson and the Temple of Deliverance is to perpetuate the ministry of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson through television, radio and publications.

On Tuesday, March 20, 2007 Bishop Gilbert Patterson slipped the

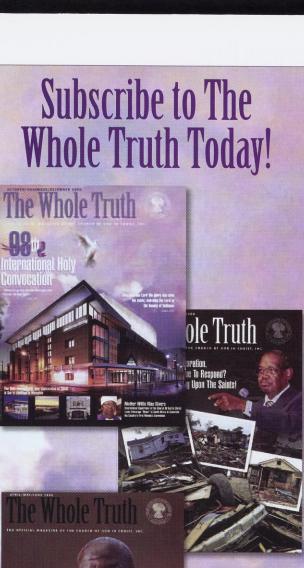
surly bonds of earth, trading time for eternity in the presence of the Lord. Those who loved him most include his loving and devoted wife, Louise; his three sisters: Evangelist Mary Alice Patterson Hawkins, Supervisor Mother Lee Ella Smith, and Evangelist Barbara Patterson Davis. Six sisters-in-law: Evangelist Frances Kelley, caregiver Mrs. Lillian (Marvin) Harris, Mrs. Charlotte (Larry) Kimber, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Ms. Evelyn Mason and Ms. Delores Brown. One brother-in-law: Mr. Ronnie Dowdy. One first cousin: Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. Eight nephews: Supt. Milton R. (Catherine) Hawkins, Elder Wray W. Patterson, Mr. Frederick Patterson, Mr. Andre Davis, Mr. Joe Willie (Jeanette) Brown, Mr. George (Althea) Kelley, Mr. Marc (Jennifer) Harris, Mr. Sean Harrell. Ten nieces: Mrs. Barbara Joyce (Sam) Boatner, Mrs. Cheryl (Leo) Hall, Ms. Ann Allen, Ms. Ruthie Lake, Mrs. Cathy (Brian) Jackson, Ms. Linda Patterson, Ms. Tommie Sandra Patterson, Mrs. Marla (John) Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mia (Frank) Vickers, and Ashlee Dowdy. God-daughter and caregiver Ms. Kaye B. Jackson. A host of cousins, other relatives, special friends and his many sons and daughters of Temple of Deliverance Church Of God In Christ. 8

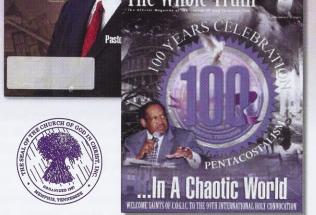
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"Celebrating A Glorious Past, While Embracing a Promising Future"

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What an amazing setting; preparing for the most monumental event of the Church Of God In Christ. The time has come to tell the world our story. We have heard the history of the Church Of God In Christ in many different ways and by many different voices. Now the world will know the truth; the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of the history of our organization as it is so eloquently expressed by our General Board Members.

With the passing of our Presiding Bishop, Bishop G.E. Patterson, the First Administrative Assistant, Bishop Charles Edward Blake was elevated to the office of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ. The General Assembly standing in agreement with

our Chairman, Bishop J.O. Patterson Jr. accepted his elevation with their blessings. Bishop C.E. Blake has continued to support and commission the Centennial Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman to continue the preparation of our Centennial Celebration. Our Presiding Bishop, Bishop C. E. Blake and the General Board Members are strategically planning our great church for its finest hour.

On February 28th 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason Temple in Memphis,

Tennessee, Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, Chairman of The Centennial Committee; Bishop J.W. Macklin, Co-Chairman; along with Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Secretary of the General Board met with The Centennial Committee. This committee is a cooperative group of leaders who represents each member of the General Board to frame a celebration that will touch the world. The Centennial Celebration will also express how grateful we are to God for allowing his power to dwell in our churches for the past 100 years.

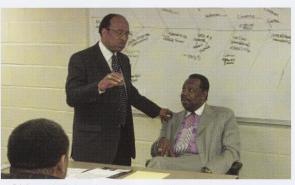
The Centennial Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman were very expressive on what the General Board envisioned for this magnificent event. Therefore, it is the desire of the Chairman and Co-

Chairman to deliver a week of events that would reflect our glorious past through each former Presiding Bishop's contribution to the Church Of God In Christ and then climax with Embracing a Promising Future with our current Presiding Bishop.

Once the committee received the foundation of the vision for the Centennial Celebration, they proceeded to work on the possibilities of this life changing week of events. The Centennial Committee expressed their ideas on the types of events and how the activities of each event would connect. It is believed the overall concept will enhance the Holy Convocation's Centennial Celebration as the theme becomes evident; "Celebrating A

Glorious Past, While Embracing a Promising Future."

The centennial will reflect upon our Founding Father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. The committee is preparing to have a 24-Hour International Prayer Chapel during the Centennial Celebration from Tuesday through Monday. Imagine 24-Hours a day of prayer, preaching, miracles, healing, deliverance and an all night tarrying service for the baptism in the Holy Ghost.



Bishop Winbush raises questions on media to Pastor Loren Mann

Since Bishop Mason was a man of prayer; it is fitting that the prayer service be located at the Historic Mason Temple. Prayers have been offered and prayers have been answered since the time the Temple was dedicated in the 1940's. The 24-Hour International Prayer service will allow people to participate from all over the world and be blessed from morning till night. Saints will be healed, delivered, and set free because they will come with expectations for a great move of God, as they did during Bishop Mason's prayer meetings which continued for days and even weeks at a time. In addition to the prayer service, the saints will also be able to e-mail their prayer request via the Internet as well as call our 24-Hour Prayer Lines. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous

THE WHOLE TRUTH

In addition to the 24-Hour Prayer Lines, we are going to have delegates from around the world come together in one place to have a parade of nations. A GLOBAL CENTENNIAL SALUTE will be given in recognition of the 58 Nations the Church Of God In Christ has established congregations. The parade of nations will allow an entire world to understand the scope of the Church Of God In Christ global outreach. Bishop C. H. Mason propagated Comittee members Gatlin, Johnson and Wynn the gospel to his global village in a pedestrian way. His outreach has expanded to 58 nations and represents the

Mosaic that our Church has become. Every language, ethnic group, and culture is candidates for the message of Pentecost. What was depicted on the Day of Pentecost is yet a reality in our church. present day Centennial Celebration salutes and demonstrates our legacy, heritage, and it validates the faithfulness of the Church Of God In Christ in the preaching of the gospel all over the

world.

We also want to reflect the life of the late Bishop J. O. Patterson by preparing to have an International Communion Service. Bishop J.O. Patterson was a man of government, structure and order. He viewed the Holy Communion as a time for Bishops, Superintendents, Pastors, Elders, and Missionaries to come together in an orderly fashion and partake of the Lord's Supper.

It will be an amazing occasion on Monday, November 12, 2007, when the International Communion Service will be viewed via Satellite throughout America and around the world. Bishops and pastors will be encouraged to designate official staff members who

are not traveling to Memphis, to oversee the Local Communion Service. Networking together by cities and areas, hundreds of participants will share together in the services in a worship environment with the use of large screens in designated churches or auditorium settings.

In addition, pastors, adjutants, deacons, and deaconess would be organized and prepared to serve Communion to those in attendance at the designated churches. They will be given instruc-International tions during the

Communion Service while being viewed live from Memphis, Tennessee. This service of Communion will be enhanced as each area pre-orders Official/Communion day programs for those participating in this World-Wide Communion Service. Through the medium of technology combined with our knowledge, this Centennial Communion Service has the potential to be the largest Communion Service the world has ever seen.

Bishop L. H. Ford was a man of holiness and action. The Committee Chairman desires to reflect the life of Bishop L. H. Ford by displaying the activity of the Centennial Celebration through the Internet. Bishop Ford would loved to have known

that the Church Of God In Christ could be seen "everywhere." Bishop Ford was known as "Mr. Church Of God In Christ."

To add to the dynamics of this Centennial Experience, in addition to thousands in foreign countries who will share in the Communion Service, four or maybe six foreign countries will participate in the Satellite Network. Those foreign services will beamed back to Memphis, allowing the Holy Convocation and saints around the world to see them as they share in the service

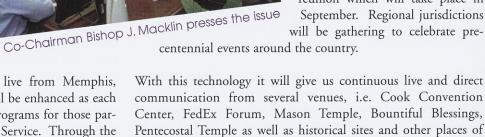
> their respective country. The Internet will also be used for marketing and the purchasing of COGIC products such as; the COGIC Documentary, the Centennial Bible, memorabilia, and other authorized Centennial products. This is going to be an exciting time in our church history.

Worship at Mason Temple discussed

by subcommittee

Bishop C. D. Owens is a man of communication, so why not show the world how the Church Of God In Christ can now communi-

> cate with the world and bring saints together. There shall be reflections of Bishop Owens' contributions by having commentaries broadcast via our web casting with articulate men and women who will give detailed commentaries on the events that will take place during this glorious week. We believe it would also be befitting to express our assembling together by promoting a COGIC family reunion which will take place in September. Regional jurisdictions will be gathering to celebrate pre-





interest. Teams of knowledgeable commentators will guide our viewers through this Centennial Celebration in proper theological and historical perspective reporting. Using side bars, background information, interviews and pre-edited reports, the viewers will be exposed to volumes of information and ministry. Bishop C. D. Owens brought communication that would pontificate statesmen to yield to his direction and motivate men of God to support the church. Bishop Owens was not limited when it came to the English vocabulary, he also believed in bringing saints together.

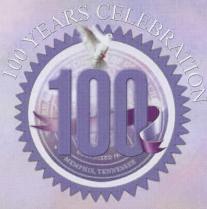
As we began exploring the visions of our great leaders who contributed to the national church, we can't forget how the late Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson contributed to this Centennial Committee. Bishop G.E. Patterson structured the look of the church via activities and education. He realized that we must become a reading and writing denomination in order to persuade one's thoughts through the knowledge of the word of God, therefore he introduced the manifestation of the Centennial Bible.

The Centennial Bible will be a hallmark in our church's history. This bible will be one of the featured items in the Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Bible Committee has put together a discipleship bible that represents the Church of God in Church. The COGIC CENTENNIAL Discipleship BIBLE will be a valuable resource for new member orientation and an effective tool for

equipping and strengthening COGIC believers in sharing their faith.

This Bible will include ninety-six pages of COGIC Study Guides, which includes topics of; Faith Essentials – Our Affirmation of Faith, Our COGIC Heritage – Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry to the World, Profiles in Leadership & Courage – Past Presiding Bishops & National Supervisors, The Ministry of the Holy Ghost, The Uniqueness of COGIC Distinctive – Why We Do What We Do, Empowering Your Faith – Spiritual Growth for Maturing Disciples, Fifty-two Weeks of Devotional Scripture Passages – Meeting God Daily in the Word. We are very grateful to the Lord that our story will be published in the front of the Centennial Bible.

The Centennial Committee was excited about our glorious past, however, we became even more excited while pondering our promising future and the vision of our Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake. We will telecast the Official Day Service which will enable fifty-eight different countries around the world to see the Church Of God In Christ at its best with our leader at the helm. Bring your dancing shoes, a camera, your unsaved loved ones, the sick and those who need to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; and watch God work. Θ



2007 CALENDAR

Celebrating A Glorious Past · Embracing A Promising Future

JANUARY

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LEADERSHIP

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10, 11

APRIL CALL
MEETING

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MEN'S CONFERENCE

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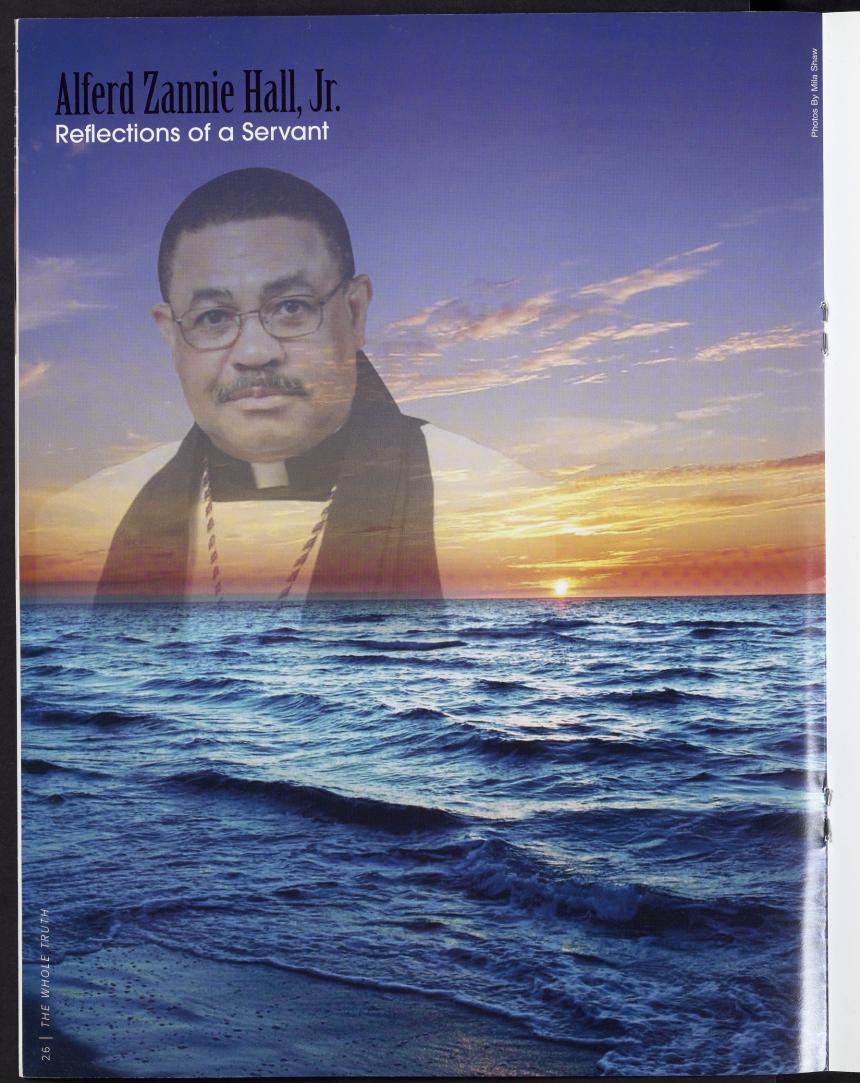
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NOVEMBER

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100TH HOLY



Alferd Zannie Hall, Jr. was the embodiment of a servant. He was blessed to be raised in a secure and loving home environment to the parents of the late Elder Zannie Hall, Sr. and the late Mother Viola Wright Hall. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, born March 15, 1943, he was the fourth and youngest son of six children.

He received his formal education training in the Duval County Public Schools graduating from New Stanton Senior

High in 1960 with a High School diploma - College Preparatory, a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Florida A&M University in 1966, and further professional studies at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Upon completion of studies at Florida A&M University, Elder Hall served as head of the Industrial Arts Department at Carter G. Woodson and Andalusia High School. After five years in the Andalusia City School System, he relocated to Memphis, Tennessee, where he joined the Bartholomew Engineering Firm as Senior Draftsman and Engineering Technician.

During his formative years, he received a sound foundation in Christian ethics and virtues through the godly example of his parents. These experiences were strengthened by the training he obtained from the pastor and Christian Education workers in the family church, Faust Temple Church Of God In Christ, in Jacksonville.

This training led him to committed service to the church in various capacities and subsequently to a deeper commitment to the Lord. On March 3, 1961, he received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and in 1966, another plateau was reached when he answered his call to ministry of the gospel.

In 1977, Elder Hall accepted an invitation to join the staff of Presiding Bishop James Oglethorpe He served as Patterson, Sr. Executive Secretary to the Presiding Bishop, Financial Secretary for the J. O. Patterson Evangelistic Association, and as Adjutant Apostolic. As a result of his dedicated and outstanding service, at the demise of Bishop Patterson in December 1989, he was appointed by Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford and served as Executive Secretary, Adjutant Apostolic, and

Chief Operations Officer at World Headquarters. He accompanied Bishop Ford to the White House for one of the inaugural events of President William Jefferson Clinton. At the passing of Bishop Ford in March 1995, Elder Hall maintained his commitment to the Office of the Presiding Bishop and served diligently with Presiding Bishop Chandler David Owens. Upon the elevation of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson to the Office of Presiding

> Bishop, Elder Hall remained faithful. For more than thirty years he provided exemplary and outstanding service to the Church Of God In Christ Headquarters.

Elder Hall's service to the leaders of the church caused him to be known as the servant's servant. This service, coupled with his administrative experience rewarded at the Eighth Quadrennial Election of General Officers held in November 2000, when he was elected General Secretary of the Church Of God In Christ. Elder Hall was subsequently re-elect-

First Administrative Assistant Presiding Bishop

Blake preached nobly ed in November 2004.



The Town House complex built by the congregation

bilities of Elder Hall in the church expanded to include serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation, Saints Center, and Saints Academy in Lexington, Mississippi, the National Corps of Adjutants, Presiding Bishop's the Commission the Authorized History of the Church Of God In Christ, and

Over the years, the responsi-

the Presiding Bishop's Planning Commission.

Jurisdictionally, Elder Hall served as a member of the State Executive Board, as State Director of Christian Education and as

Chairman of the UJAC Executive Committee for the Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Elder Hall began his tenure as pastor of Knee Temple (presently Pentecostal Assembly), Church Of God In Christ, on August 22, 1990. During this time of service, his ministry enjoyed growth spiritually, financially, and numerically. Growth was also seen in the congregants resolve for improvement of the edifice. Through the use of their

skills and labor, the saints gave the church a tremendous interior and exterior facelift. Additionally, the church purchased numerous pieces of prime property. The church undertook an aggressive expansion of the ministry that



Elder Joel Lyles, faithful friend, servant and now serving as General Secretary



was projected to cost in excess of \$50 million at completion. Two of the projects - the \$5 million Baker Place Town Homes and the Honeybee Christian Academy - were completed and are in full operation.

The ministry of Pentecostal Assembly expanded to include the Children's Church, the Cherub Choir, Boys and Girls Scout Troops, Outreach Ministries which included prison and nursing home visitations, a quarterly newsletter, a radio broadcast, an audio tape ministry, Camp Hall (a summer

youth program named after Elder Hall's father), and Sweet Spirations, a Christian bookstore.

Elder Hall's affiliations included the Memphis Brooks Museum, the NAACP (Life Member), Leadership Memphis Alumni Association, Memphis Zoological Society, Board of Directors - The Bethany Home (Memphis, TN), Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, the Pershing Rifles National Honorary Society, Board of Directors of the Congress of National Black Churches, Executive Director -

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Other interests included programs dedicated to social and spiri-

tual services for senior citizens, the Arts, and youth excellence. Serving in these and other areas was recognized by the presentation of many awards and citations among which are Distinguished Alumnus Award - Florida A&M University; Honorary Member - Memphis City Council; Chaplain of the Day - Tennessee House of Representatives; Aide-de-Camp - State Senator Ed Davis; Volunteer Citizen's Award from Congressman Harold Ford; Award for Excellence in Christian Education -Pentecostal Institutional Church Of God In Christ; and a service citation from the Black Businessmen's Association. As a result of

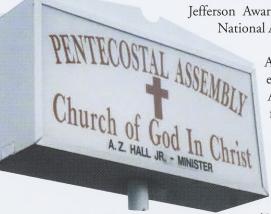
his commitment to service, he received the prestigious Jefferson Award to represent West Tennessee at the National Awards Ceremony in Washington, D. C.

> An avid traveler, Elder Hall was presented the "Flying Colonel Award" by Delta Air Lines. His travels included visits to forty states in America and abroad throughout the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Africa, Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, and the Indies.

Elder Hall was author of "So You Want to Know Your Church," a book on catechism in the Church Of God In Christ,

the Jurisdictional Secretary's Handbook, and writer of seasonal pamphlets and several study guides. At the time of his passing, he was working on four major publications.

Anyone who was in A. Z. Hall's presence felt like the most important person in the world. It was his unity with God that allowed him to show this kind of love for everyone. Elder Hall



The sign in front of the local church.

did many other things in his life that far outweigh what the public was aware of. In light of all his accomplishments, he was always available to anyone who had need of him.

It would be an exercise in futility to try and name all the persons who will hold fond and loving memories of this "Servant of the Lord." But among them most assuredly will be his brothers: Clement Wesley (Thelma), Edward Willie (Dolores), and Ferd Lamar (Dorothy); his sisters: Hazel Lene Sykes (Gilbert) and Linda Carren Cooper (Ramulus); his nieces and nephews: Tony, Shelby, Clement II, John, Judy, Ronnie, Monet, Darryl, Steven, Kim, Kurt, Kelvin, Chad, Lori, Kathy, Kayla, Tesia, Alan, Kent, Kenda; his extended family: Eric Greaux (Loring) and sons, Eric Jr. and Tyler; Joel Lyles (Vell), and their daughter, Ashley; Robert Rudolph (Michelle); Robin James (Senta) and their children, Robin, Jr., Dominique, and Morgan; Mike Stevenson (Reniece); Jay Hollingsworth (Kim); a host of godchildren.

Elder Hall will be sorely missed by a multitude of citizens of the community of Jackson, TN, the members of Pentecostal Assembly Church Of God In Christ, the Tennessee Central

Jurisdiction, the Assistants to the General Secretary, the Headquarters staff, and the Church Of God In Christ family around the world.

The impression of A. Z. Hall, Jr.'s personality will remain living and vivid in the minds of his family and friends. The sense of his loss is deeply impressed on his loved ones. Here was a man in whom there existed not only an immense capacity for service but also a touch of genius which everyone recognized and no one can duplicate. Θ



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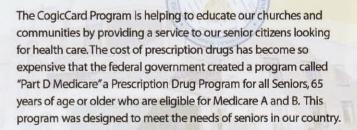
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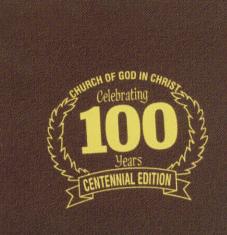
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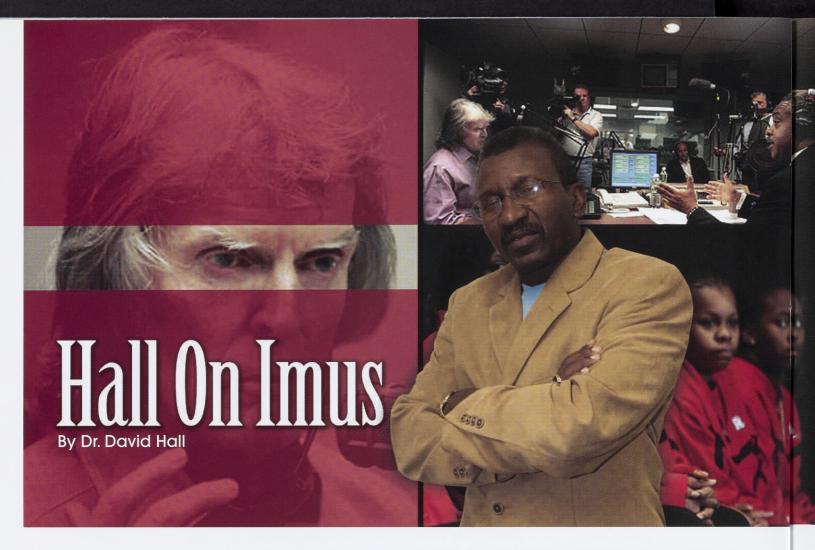




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Don Imus, the beleaguered and repentant "Shock Jock" was fired from both his lucrative broadcast positions with CBS Radio and MSNBC Television. The giant news networks could not endure the social and economic pressure that critics were bringing to bear. Imus, known for his off the chain vernacular, ran aground with his racial and sexual slur of the Rutgers Ladies basketball team. His remarks were indeed reprehensible and inexcusable. Still, I ask, is this really the measure of the man?

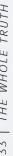
To be honest, I started my day with Don Imus and his crew of misfits every morning. I did not enjoy everything I heard and at times his language made me upset. Yet, Imus was often a genuine and humane individual. His crew could be utterly foul one moment and very decent and honorable the next. His taste in music, political positions, personal campaigns for the weak and defenseless made me appreciate him. To be honest, I don't believe him to be a racist individual, just opportunistic and willing to play the hand of artistic license in the high profiled arena of talk radio.

I say that Don Imus fulfilled his public obligation as a broadcast professional. He often laid his vulgarities aside to support the common good of defenseless and weak people. He would give honor and support to individuals that seemed out of his realm of appreciation. Maybe, Imus was too eclectic and developed few peers? He never condescended to anyone but offered a benevolent hand to those in need of a champion, and mostly with love,

ethics, and magnanimity. He recruited powerful people for causes that touched the lives of millions, regardless of their race, religion or social station. Don Imus was a multi-disciplinary professional who understood the mechanism of the market place, and traded his wild fame for worthy causes. He simply transcended realities in which, I felt he could never exist, including my own critical mind. How does one explain Don Imus?

Possibly, it was inevitable for this turmoil to happen, because Imus often spoke with a reckless abandon and meant to shock his listeners. Latest revelations suggest he was contracted to deliver shock and awe over the airwaves. At other times, he spoke with a measured integrity and great passion. In his day to day life, he was really never the nasty mean character his irreverent rhetoric suggested. Like those two righteous preachers of impeccable quality, the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, Imus was known to have admitted his flaws. Sure, his soul searching may help him make millions more!

Do I believe what I just wrote? Yes! I remember Don Imus playing recordings of Bishop G.E. Patterson on his show. This man played the preaching of a Black Pentecostal bishop, and offered no disclaimers nor apologies. His relationship with Bishop Patterson further prompted my daily viewing of Imus every morning. Playing the Patterson preaching segments didn't make Imus anymore famous or richer. In fact some of the slices of preaching were deeply poigant and offered moral judgements in





relation to race, sexuality and politics. When Bishop Patterson died, Don Imus informed the American population who would have never cared about our leader. He invited, Mother Louise Patterson on his radio show and gave her genuine respect. I really felt his sincerity and sense of loss concerning the death of Bishop Patterson. I will always be thankful for that!

In Tennessee, where racism can be standard business, Don Imus demonstrated respect for individual character. Imus supported Congressman Harold Ford's candidacy for the US Senate. People who never thought they cared to see an African American win a dog catchers' position were introduced to Mr Harold Ford as a uniquely qualified and prepared individual. Why did Imus do these things?

No! I can't agree with Don Imus' comments about the Rutgers lady ball players, because they were mean and hurtful comments about some defenseless women, who were trying to attain something positive. Yet, neither do I condemn him. I hope to help Mr. Imus. Don Imus made a foolish statement, an utterance that hit the nerve of America too deeply. The public rancor was justified. What does it mean? His comments made each of us look in the mirror and see ourselves and confess that we have tolerated his abuses too long. We became morally ashamed of ourselves and took it out on Imus. If Mr. Imus sues over his firing and wins, I suggest he pay the ladies of Rutgers a portion of his winnings. Face it, he was paid to be controversial and since he is not really a mean guy, he should pay for that circumstance; it was at the ladies expense from the beginning.

Now consider the following advice to Black America. African American people should be asking for entertainers like 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg to apologize for their continued abuse of women. Certainly, voices in our communities are demanding they clean it up, because too many blacks encourage our children to dress in the hip hop costumes, and live the lifestyle of those who gang bang and carry illegal guns. Snoop is impervious to criticism and told MTV, that rappers aim their lyrics at "hos in the hood" and not at collegiate athletes. I guess that statement speaks for itself! Hypocrisy is something that Mr. Bob Johnson, founder of BET supports. The noted entrepreneur defended Hip Hop lyrics on national televison as a matter of artistic license. How could he find Imus' speech detrimental? If Hip Hop lyrics are the result of artistic license and little more than a show, then Imus should have the same right!

Lastly, Don Imus' real downfall was being caught without political support. He pushed artistic expression beyond the pale of economic viability. When it comes to money, the American standard shifts with public opinion. When the hard shoe wearing, neck tie sporting magnets of business started losing money, Imus was out! When the general public recovers from that sense of shame and the politics has changed Imus will broadcast again! Oh yeah! Money will bring him back after the furor over his comments have died down. O



When Pastor Leslie Stewart, Sr., conducted worship at New Covenant Holiness COGIC in New Orleans, he was satisfied doing the Lord's will. New Covenant was similar to the classic storefront church buildings that dot the urban landscapes of America's cities. In churches like this, people who have little hope come off the streets, meet Christ and turn their lives around. The ministry was gaining ground and people knew about the passion of its members, and the character of its minister. Elder Stewart called New Covenant, "The little hot church on the corner."

Elder Stewart's family consists of one lovely committed wife, Gloria and four strong sons, Leslie, Joshua, Jason and Andre. They were the backbone of his support and together they were eagerly planting a church to serve some of the poorest people of New Orleans. Pastor Stewart never asked for much but found it his pleasure and promise to preach the gospel to the poor and sometimes broken people in East New Orleans.

All that changed when a wild and raging woman called Katrina abruptly ended his good work in the city of New Orleans. The hurricane broke the levee, which in turn flooded the city. Everything was washed away, including their home and the

store front church that Elder Leslie Stewart served. He did not own the building but his congregation worshiped there and made that spot of ground holy. The results of the storm left their building battered, soaked and soiled by the elements.

All about him was the debris of human efforts left in the wake of unparalleled devastation; an urban community covered with mud, twisted autos and damaged properties that would never again be usable. In those heaps and piles of trash one could have found the hopes, dreams and missions of every clergymen and person who believed in their special calling. Fleeing for their lives, the Stewart family left New Orleans for the Memphis area and uncertainty. Yet, nothing could extinguish the passion for their ministry, but the practical realities of what Katrina did could not be overcome very easily.

Elder Stewart left New Orleans with a mind to return but his best plans have met many obstacles and influences. So many things are out of the control of people, government and emergency aid groups. This painful reality is beyond understanding in the case of New Orleans. With only the reality of what he must do to maintain his family, Elder Stewart stayed true to God and the ministry. He has relocated to Memphis, Tennessee





and the Temple Church Of God In Christ to wait on the Lord, the national government, state of Louisiana, and the city of New Orleans to provide meaningful support. Elder Leslie Stewart is not the kind of man that is comfortable waiting. He has found suitable employment and held his family together.

Recently Pastor Stewart went back to New Orleans to check on his home. "The house was scheduled to be demolished on April 21, 2007. I have attempted to negotiate with the recovery team but there are so many angles. We bought this home in 1999. The replacement cost is estimated at \$150,000.00." Sister Gloria Stewart stated, "The whole situation hurts! To see it, the destruction and loss of everything, just hurts." The family is well balanced and hopeful. Elder Stewart said, "No one knows how we feel but those who have lost everything. Paul said, 'whatever state I find myself, to be content.' and I have the same resolve."

At Temple Church Of God In Christ the Stewart family has found a home away from home. The energy and passion for life is yet there. Pastor Stewart is respected and appreciated by the saints of the church. His relationship with Dr. David Hall, pastor of the Founder's Church is collegial and friendly. He has found a place to preach and toil in the ministry. As Dr. Hall

commented, "Pastor Stewart is an excellent man of God who is really dedicated. I hope he and his family will be satisfied working here until God provides a way back home. They are truly saved and dedicated people."

The Stewart's have gotten on with life. The sons are working and/or finishing school. Andre, their youngest is a star half back and defensive specialist. He will play division 1-A football. All of the fellows love the New Orleans Saints football team, but yet, they have become part of the youth activities at Temple Church, and have adopted to the Memphis area.

Pastor Stewart's move to Memphis, Tennessee and worshiping at Temple Church Of God In Christ is a positive. His family home is in North Mississippi and the extended stay has allowed him the opportunity to renew old friendships. He is preaching throughout the area, working a job and patiently waiting on the Lord for ultimate directions.

Elder and Sister Stewart believe they are first and last in God's hands. Storms in life may come but God provides the shelter and the hope of the new day coming. Katrina left her mark but cannot break their faith! They know, "This to shall pass." @

St. Louis Pastor
Continues to Advance Outreach
Ministry of the 'Early Church'
'Unveils New Plan for
Reaching the Lost'

by Evelyn Smith

Elder Carl Terrell

THE WHOLE TRUTH

ST. LOUIS, Mo.— Elder Carl Terrell is a man with a plan. A plan to witness to the lost. A plan to spread the gospel of Christ. A plan to win new souls to Jesus Christ. So Elder Terrell, pastor of Bostick Temple Church of God in Christ, is constantly enlisting the help of members at his church to join him in his vision and plan.

"At Bostick Temple, we're a ministering church," Pastor Terrell said. "I want to establish ministries with a vision to spread the gospel of Christ and advance His kingdom."

Bostick Temple will celebrate it 99th church anniversary September 9-15, 2007. The 98-year-old church is the city's oldest congregation of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

"Our church has a historic presence in the community," Pastor Terrell said. That presence enables us to reach a variety of people in the community through outreach ministry."

LONG HISTORY IN THE CHURCH

With a rich history dating back to 1908, Bostick Temple has much to celebrate after examining its modest beginnings and the manner in which the Lord has used the ministry to advance His kingdom. The church owes its inception to Bishop Daniel Bostick. Bishop Bostick was born November 22, 1874 in Jackson State, Ill. to Ferdinand and Mary Bostick. Elder Bostick was a "peculiar child." He was "different" from the other children. Although he enjoyed playing marbles and ball with his six siblings, his boyhood traits were filled with peculiarities. He was clever, witty, brilliant and vivacious. He was obedient to his parents and did chores around the house. Home life with his parents was harmonious.

Bishop Bostick received his education in the states of Illinois and Missouri. He loved attending school and church. After his boyhood life, he served in his community as a teacher.

On December 8, 1893, Bishop Bostick married a woman by the name of Lucinda. Shortly thereafter, they became parents of two children, Fred and Ella. As an adult, Bishop Bostick worked for a number of moving companies and truck manufacturers. By 1939, he became owner and operator of his own moving company. During these early years, Bishop Bostick and his wife were members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E.). As history would have it, Elder Charles Harrison Mason founded and organized the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in 1897, and the two of them would have a date with their religious destiny.

Years later Bishop Bostick and his wife first heard holiness preached at a small storefront church at Pendleton and Cottage avenues in St. Louis, Missouri. Shortly thereafter, Bishop Bostick and his wife left the A.M.E. Church to join the Church of God in Christ. Not long after, the Lord saved and filled them both with the Holy Ghost. In 1908, Bishop Bostick and his wife responded to the Lord's leading to establish a storefront church at

11th and Washington streets in downtown St. Louis. Bishop Bostick was instrumental in founding what would become a "mother" church and the influence that congregation would have on the spread of the Pentecostal message around the world would be historic.

An ever-increasing membership prompted a move, and in just a few years Bishop Bostick relocated his membership to Twenty-Second and Adam and then to 2804 Laclede Ave. Under his dynamic leadership, the church experienced unprecedented growth and soon became too large. In 1913, Bishop Bostick decided to move the congregation to a new sanctuary at Twenty-Third and Morgan (Delmar), in search of a more spacious facility. By this time, the number of worship services increased to serve a growing congregation.

During this time, the church continued to expand its vibrant outreach ministry to the community. Local mission work included revivals, street preaching and evangelism, door-to-door witnessing, canvassing local neighborhoods and passing out tracts.

The Lord continued to use and elevate Bishop Bostick. Under his leadership, many people were healed and many miracles were wrought. In 1915, Bishop Bostick was appointed the first state overseer of the St. Louis and Western Illinois jurisdictions of the Church of God in Christ.

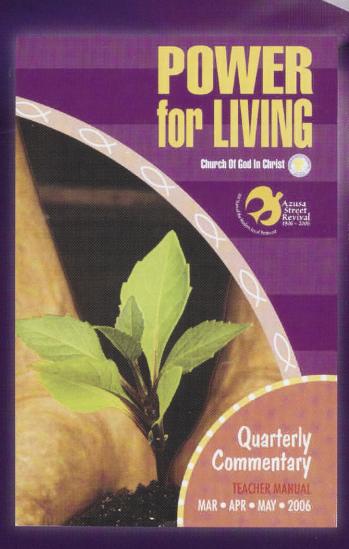
Beside him was his wife Lucinda, who took an active role in all phases and work at the church including various ministries. This marked the beginning of women actively participating in ministry at Bostick Temple (then 23rd and Delmar). Under her leadership, many women's auxiliaries were established and many souls were brought to Christ through her labor in the vineyard of the Lord. In 1916, Lucinda was appointed the first state supervisor of the women's department for the Southeast Missouri—Western Illinois Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ.

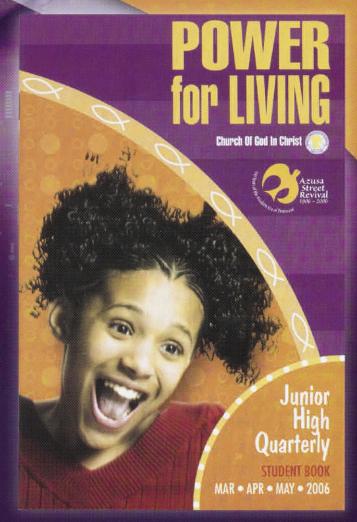
Not long thereafter—under Bishop Bostick's leadership—various national workers and leaders in the church began to emerge. During that same year, Elder F. C. (Father Christmas) led Sunday School classes with nine women and three men. There were no quarterlies, only the Bible was used. In two months, Father Christmas introduced the use of quarterlies in Sunday School. "The old saints fought the idea," said Pastor Terrell. They felt Father Christmas was taking the church back to sectarianism." Pastor Terrell said Bishop Mason was then called to St. Louis to see Father Christmas' work.

"Bishop Mason did not see anything wrong," Pastor Terrell said. He [Bishop Mason] told everyone to leave him [Father Christmas] alone." After seeing the results of Sunday School, Bishop Mason saw that it was good for the church.

In 1917, Bishop Bostick sent Father Christmas to Memphis, Tennessee to present the Sunday School to Professor James Courts during the National Convocation. Courts was principal at Saints Industrial School in Lexington, Mississippi. He was in







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charge of the National Sunday School. After hearing Father Christmas' presentation, Courts said Father Christmas was the man for the job. Mother Lizzie Woods Robinson also agreed Father Christmas was the right person for the job. Mother Woods-Robinson was the first "General Mother/Supervisor" of the church.

In 1924 Father Christmas was appointed the first National Superintendent of Sunday School by Bishop Mason. Pastor Terrell recalls a time when Father Christmas suffered many hard times and persecutions.

"He traveled throughout the United States organizing and setting up Sunday Schools," Pastor Terrell said. "He was met with rebuttals and opposition." Pastor Terrell said many overseers and pastors did not believe in Sunday School and did not understand the goal Father Christmas was trying to accomplish. "His desire was to appoint local Sunday School superintendents in every church," Pastor Terrell said. Oftentimes he was rejected and turned away by overseers."

Despite opposition and persecution, Father Christmas rose to a position of great influence in the National Sunday School Department of the Church Of God In Christ. He persevered and eventually went on to build a Sunday School Department in every state.

"I remember Bishop Bostick always standing by him [Father Christmas] and encouraging him in his Sunday School work," Pastor Terrell said.

The Lord continued to use Bishop Bostick and bless his ministry. Over the years, many souls were saved, healed and delivered under the anointed preaching and leadership of Bishop Bostick. Effective leaders were made under his leadership in St. Louis. Specifically, another product of Bishop Bostick's ministry is Elder L.C. Page.

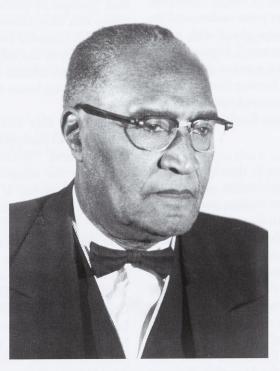
In February of 1927, Bishop Mason appointed Elder Page as leader of the

"Group of Evangelists in the Church of God in Christ." By his own admission, Elder Page did not know the first thing to do, so he just preached. Bishop Mason gave Elder Page a second charge in the fall of 1933. He instructed him to organize and supervise the National Evangelist Board. Not long after these instructions, Elder Page began having evangelist board meetings in different parts of the country. The first one was in Memphis around 1937. The early conventions of the evangelist board were really crusades led by Evangelist Page and a few mostly evangelists.

Not only did the Lord use leaders in the making under Bishop

Bostick's leadership, he began to use lay members as well. In 1940, the Lord began to use the lay members of 23rd and Morgan (Delmar) mightily—specifically Evangelist Missionary Vera Boykin also known as "God's Little Wonder Girl." At this time, Boykin was a 20-year-old student at Stowe Teachers' College. In April 1940, Boykin conducted a 'great' revival at Kennerly Temple Church Of God In Christ. During the revival, Boykin laid hands on individuals for healing. With the 'gift of laying on of the hands', Boykin healed the lame, cured indigestion, headaches, rheumatism and heart disease.

Shortly after the revival began, Boykin's fame spread abroad and her revivals attracted immense crowds from all races. People from all over including Indiana, Chicago, Kansas City, Memphis, Ohio and Arkansas came to see her at the revivals to get healed. During revivals, Boykin would go up and down the aisle dancing, chanting, swinging her arms and touching people. Just by her hand touch, as she danced and spinned through her audience, the blind immediately received their sight and the cripple had been made to walk.



The late Bishop D. Bostick establisher of Jurisdictions Southeast Missouri & Western Illinois of the COGIC

In 1946, Boykin began to travel to just about every major city in the nation to conduct revivals. She has helped thousands of people just by the touch of her hands during the dance she frequently did. Because of this local mission work, the church membership swelled to over

Other pioneers and leaders who were products of Bishop Bostick's ministry include the late Bishop Dennis Flakes—former pastor of Emmanuel Evangelistic Temple Church Of God In Christ and former Jurisdictional Prelate for the Wisconsin First Jurisdiction; the late Bishop Columbus Williams-Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois; the late Bishop William Turner—Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Jurisdiction; the late Elder Samuel Fluker-former chaplain of the National General Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.; the late Madame Alice Thomas—composer of the

national Sunday School theme song "We'll Never Say Fail"; and Bishop William C. Bonner—Pastor of Greater Mt. Olive Church Of God In Christ and Jurisdictional Prelate of the Illinois Sixth Jurisdiction. Other pioneers who are products of Bishop Bostick's ministry include Bishop B.R. Benbow—Pastor of 88th Street Temple Church Of God. In Christ and Jurisdictional Prelate of the California Southeast Jurisdiction; Bishop Robert James Ward—Pastor of Kennerly Temple, St. Louis, Mo.—and Eastern Missouri First Jurisdiction Prelate.

HISTORICAL VIEW

In 1955, after many years of dedicated labor, Mother Lucinda died, after serving as State Supervisor of the Women's Department for 39 years. In 1962, Elder Bostick moved his large congregation from 23rd and Morgan (Delmar) to 1448 Hodiamont Ave.

The present site of Bostick Temple was the home of the West Park Baptist Church which relocated in 1960 in St. Louis County where more than half of its members lived. The church was the primary inspiration of architects Hoener, Baum & Froese. It was initially purchased by the West Park Baptist Church after World War II for \$11,890 in 1923.

The architects designed a distinctive octagonal form with artful brick and terra cotta work to create a small Arts & Crafts gem both inside and out. Lombard Romanesque-style brickwork in variegated buff and brown was subtly accented with Winkle Terra Cotta Company blocks at the cornice and around openings. Interior ornamentation of exposed glazed brick, textured plaster, and mosaic banding emphasized materials. A simple wood truss ceiling with beams radiating from a center point underscored the polygonal centralized plan. Windows were glazed with pastel-color leaded glass set in a diamond pattern. A baptismal pool behind the chancel arch served as the focal point of the auditorium. The church includes a sizable annex housing Sunday School, social and office rooms. Bostick Temple moved into the church at 5988 Wells in 1962. In May 1963 Bishop Bostick died and the edifice was named in his memory.

Over the 98-year history of Bostick Temple, three pastors have navigated the course of this progressive institution. In 1963 the assistant pastor at the time, Elder Robert Sanders was called to serve as pastor. Elder Sanders served faithfully and humbly for 17 years. At the age of 90 years old, he submitted his resignation. He was hailed as "Pastor Emeritus" until his death. In 1980, Elder Chandler D. Owens was called to serve as pastor of Bostick Temple. Under his [Owens] leadership, the church was filled to its capacity. Oftentimes there was nowhere for those—who arrived to church late—to sit. The choir stand was full, the balcony was full and all of the pews were full. Church membership under Bishop Owens grew increasingly. Bishop Owens served in that capacity until 1984 when he left for Memphis, Tenn. to serve as Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.

BORN TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Carl Terrell was born October 29, 1937 in St. Louis, Missouri to Ozie and Ruby Len Terrell. He attended Curtis Elementary School. As a young boy, Carl attended Oak Grove Baptist Church with his next-door neighbors. Although Carl attended church, that did not stop him from getting into trouble. On a number of occasions, he would throw rocks at passing cars. On another occasion he hit one of his grade school teachers with rotten tomatoes because she kept him after school. Sometimes Carl

would get into fist-fights with other boys at school and the teacher would whip him with a rattan in the coatroom.

Although Carl's mother did not attend church, that did not stop her from praying for her son. However, knowing the importance of having a church family, Ruby and her son later joined 23rd and Delmar Church. The pastor at the time was Bishop Daniel Bostick. Shortly thereafter, Ruby was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Carl's attitude began to change once attending church with his mother. He began to focus on his education. In 1955, Carl graduated from Vashon High School. Following graduation, Pastor Terrell attended Hadley Technical School for a year. There, he took courses in electricity.

In 1957, Carl took a position as a sub-clerk for the United States Postal Service. Seeking a career change, he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1959.

In 1960, while serving in the Marine Corps, Carl was diagnosed with Multiple Peripheral Neuropathy—which is a failure of the nerves that carry information to and from the brain and spinal cord. This incurable condition produces pain, loss of sensation, and inability to control muscles. Carl then developed a paralysis condition that affected both his hands and feet—which required him to wear leg braces for three months.

Immediately after receiving the news of his condition, Carl joined a small store-front church affiliated with the Church Of God In Christ. The church, whose name escapes his mind, was located at the corners of Seminary and East 14th Ave. in Oakland, California. It was at this church that Carl gave his life to Christ and was saved at the age of 23 years old.

After the military doctors could not find a cure to help Carl he received an honorable discharge from the Marines in 1961. During this time he continued to seek the Lord for healing. While attending revival services at Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ in Oakland—pastored by Bishop I. Finley—the Lord touched and healed him of the Multiple Peripheral Neuropathy. It was at this time that Carl felt a call from God placed on his life. Also, during this time, Carl returned to the Post Office, working as a mail clerk, a stenographer and safety clerk. Years later, he was promoted to supervisor.

Continuing to seek the Lord, Carl received the Holy Ghost during a January revival conducted by Elder A.H. Montgomery of Maywood, Ill. in 1963.

Things began to change for Carl. In 1964, he enrolled in the School of Business Administration at Washington University. That same year, he met and married Margaret Harrell. At this time, Carl and his wife worked together in the ministry. They went door-to-door passing out tracts and witnessing to the poor in spirit. Carl went everywhere testifying about how the Lord healed him of Multiple Peripheral Neuropathy.

In 1970, Carl preached his first sermon. He served faithfully in various capacities such as Sunday School teacher, local Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Young Adult Choir President and Associate Minister.

NEW VISION

After the departure of former Presiding Bishop Chandler D. Owens, Carl accepted the mantle passed on to him by Bishop Owens—that is—he was appointed pastor of Bostick Temple in 1984. His joy shortly turned into sorrow. In 1985, their only child Kimberly died at the age of 18 years old. After putting his trust in God and allowing Him to heal the hurt, Pastor Terrell was even more determined to faithfully serve God. In 1992 he retired from the United States Postal Service at the age of 55 years old. This retirement gave him the opportunity to serve as a full time pastor. However just when things were going in his favor, tragedy struck again. In November 2003, Margaret—his wife of 39 years—died.

Despite these tragedies, Pastor Terrell found the strength and courage to keep going. Now, with the help of his wife of nearly seven months, (married September 2006) Mary, he is expanding the church's outreach ministry and is taking the church to higher heights and deeper depths. As he enters the next phase of ministry, Pastor Terrell has expanded his vision to lead people to Christ. During the church's recent 98th anniversary, he unveiled a new plan in which he hopes to reach lost souls through outreach ministry.

"The vision is to take the gospel message everywhere, making disciples and planting new ministries of outreach to the glory of God," Pastor Terrell said.

Pastor Terrell said he wants to establish ministries that will transform hurting people and restore them through the love of God, proclaim the gospel, and bring the lost to Christ.

"Establishing outreach ministries enables the church to effectively minister to the lost," Terrell said.

CHANGE IS ON THE WAY

Pastor Terrell continues to bring remarkable change to the church. He is establishing a childcare center for infants and toddlers—designed to economically empower the church and its community; acquiring and renovating surrounding properties; and establishing a senior center.

In addition, Pastor Terrell is establishing an at-risk tutoring program aimed at providing inner-city youth and young adults in the North St. Louis and Wellston areas with educational tutoring, arts and crafts programs, mentoring programs, sewing classes, SAT/ACT classes, G.E.D. classes, self-help classes, shadowing programs, extra-curricular activities, sports, materials, and supplies.

Also, in an effort to alleviate hunger, Bostick Temple has teamed up with Operation Food Search—a non-profit organization that distributes food free of charge to local agencies to help feed hungry individuals, families and children.

"We want to be able to serve a greater population on a daily basis," Mary Terrell said. Terrell is president of the Bostick Temple Food Pantry. Children who come from insecure homes or are hungry are more likely to get sick, have problems in school, experience trouble getting along with their peers, and show higher levels of anxious behaviors." She added, "As these children mature into adulthood, our society will feel the effects of their deprivation in the form of higher rates of school failure, greater health care costs, and lost workforce productivity."

Terrell said the purpose is not only to provide food, but to provide clothing, medical and house supplies, and educational materials for many in the community who are less fortunate.

"People are fed physically first then spiritually," Terrell said. They are also given Bibles and tracts.

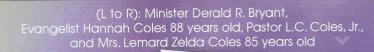
Bostick Temple also is in the process of obtaining a grant that will enable the church to provide computer technology and training to inner-city African-American children in the North St. Louis and Wellston areas.

"The church is surrounded by the impoverished neighborhoods of North St. Louis City and Wellston," Pastor Terrell said. The children in these areas do not always have access to community-based organizations or in-home resources that provide for technological growth and/or education."

Pastor Terrell said the program would introduce students to the most widely used software packages; enabling them to gain experience, knowledge, and become competitive in the marketplace. These software packages include Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel. In addition, students will learn how to use the Internet, and how to prepare resumes, cover and thank you letters.

Other ways Bostick Temple reaches the lost through outreach ministry is by the establishment of Vacation Bible School, where many families are invited to hear the word of God; and a media ministry—that allows the gospel to be presented to the church and the lost in the community through a variety of forms of media such as magazines, newspapers, newsletters, website, tele-

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A Durable Family

(L to R): Mrs. Lillian Harris, caregiver of Bishop G. E. Patterson, Mrs. Louise Patterson and Evangelist Frances Kelly

is Evangelist Barbara

(L to R): Mother Lee Ella Patterson Smith, Evangelist Barbara Patterson Davis and Mother Mary Patterson Hawkins

Exiting the building Supt. Milton Hawkins, Louise Patterson and Bishop Jerry Maynard

Celebrates 90th

Birthday and Receives Life Time Achievement Award



Bishop Elton and Mrs. Lawrence

The convergence of four significant events was the cause of joyous celebration in the life of Bishop Elton Lawrence.

Bishop Elton Allen Lawrence, prelate of the Canada/Michigan Jurisdiction was born February 21, 1917, in Grand Junction, Tennessee. He spent his boyhood years in Tennessee and Missouri. Always seeking greater opportunity and a better life for his young family; during the early days of World War II, he moved to Detroit, Michigan and immediately began working at the Packard Automobile plant building aircraft related components.

Soon after arriving in Detroit, Michigan the young Lawrence sought the Lord and was saved under the late Elder William Rimson. He was inspired by the Lord to do a greater work in his life's endeavors. He answered the gospel call and entered the ministry in 1949. The following year he received his ordination as an elder; and in 1951, he began serving as pastor in the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop Lawrence recently celebrated his 56th year as a full - time pastor.

Bishop Lawrence is an astute businessman, builder, administrator and anointed leader. Over the years, he has served with honor, dignity and distinction on many levels within the Church Of God In Christ. His activities at the local and state level included service in positions such as District Superintendent, State Treasurer, State Steward, State Trustee, State Executive Board Member and Administrative Assistant.

His past and current services at the National level included serv-



ing as National Contact officer for the General Assembly. He was elected by the members of the General Assembly to serve for twenty years as a member of the National Trustee Board. In 1989, he was consecrated prelate of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Canada by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Under the authority of the Bishop G.E. Patterson, he provides services to constituents in Michigan and Canada. Bishop Lawrence now serves on the National Board of Bishops; he is an active member of the Executive Committee of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Rule Committee.

Bishop Lawrence is a supporter and lifetime member of the NAACP. His concern for the spiritual, social and economic welfare of people extends beyond the walls of the local church, and touches many areas of life. His compassion for humanity was demonstrated when he answered the call and sent financial relief through the American Red Cross to provide aid during the Tsunami disaster in the South Seas. He sent financial relief through COGIC Charities to provide aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina. He traveled with Bishop P.A. Brooks and members of the Council of Michigan and Canadian Bishops to "Ground Zero" in New York City to personally meet with and provide comfort and financial aid to victims of the 9-11 disaster.

Through the years, Bishop Lawrence has opened the doors of his home to many who needed shelter. He has responded to requests to provide housing assistance, food, shelter and clothing to indigent and homeless people and bail-bond assistance for the incarcerated. Countless times he extended the local church to his community by providing funeral services for non-church mem-

On December 26th, Bishop and Mother Lawrence celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. Sixty-nine years of successful marriage have reinforced his belief in the value of a strong traditional family structure. A major focus of his ministry has been the strengthening of marriage and the traditional family. He has implemented programs such as, "Before Saying I Do," "Survival Tips for Mothers Without

Partners," "Training Married Men In Their Responsibilities As Husbands," "Training Married Women In Their Responsibilities As Wives;" and he sponsors an active women ministry, uniquely prepared for the concerns of women. Bishop Lawrence was one of the primary advisors for the development of a document entitled, "Marriage: A Proclamation to the Church Of God In Christ- Worldwide" - a statement which was adopted by the



Bishop Elton Allen Lawrence, prelate of the Canada/Michigan Jurisdiction

General Assembly regarding the Church's position on the issue of same-sex marriage.

During the 2007 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Minister's Award Banquet, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference - Detroit Chapter recognized and honored Bishop Lawrence with the presentation of the coveted "Life Time Achievement Award."

Bishop Lawrence celebrated his 90th birthday on February 21, 2007. He feels blessed to have exceeded by one decade the biblical mandate of Psalms 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and by reason of strength they be fourscore year..." Bishop and Mother Lawrence were blessed with two children: Dr. Welton L. Lawrence (son) and his wife Joyce (Gordy) of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Mae L. Blake (daughter), of Beverly Hills, California;

wife of Bishop Charles E. Blake, seven grand children, twelve great grand-children and four great-great grand children.

Bishop Lawrence is both liberal and generous. Throughout the nation his name is synonymous with hospitality. Through his leadership his church has become a beacon of hope for the entire community. Θ

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vision, audio, video projections, and online resources. In addition, Pastor Terrell has established the Victory Outreach Radio Broadcast. His sermons are broadcast on local radio station 1010 AM KXEN every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. His sermons can also be accessed via website at www.kxen1010am.com.

Also, the church has established a Volunteer Missions

Department where volunteers visit and minister healing to those in the nursing homes, hospitals, sick and shut-in, widowed, unemployed, elderly, lonely, and those who are in crisis to offer hope and encouragement; a Prison Ministry—where one Saturday a month, members of the church meet at the St. Louis County Justice Center for Bible Study and Fellowship with inmates. A Tract Ministry—where members of the church share the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through door-to-door witnessing, mailing fly-

ers and tracts to people in the local community and abroad.

"Establishing these outreach ministries will help to consistently reach out to the community with the life-changing message of Christ," Pastor Terrell said. We want to continue to be a model church for growth and outreach."

Pastor Terrell said as he looks back on the church's 98-year journey, he hopes to see the church's commitment and dedication to growth and outreach continue.

"Ninety-eight years is an important milestone for any institution," Pastor Terrell said. It marks the long service the church has provided to the religious, social and educational life of the community."

He said those pastors who led before him have left strong shoes to fill.

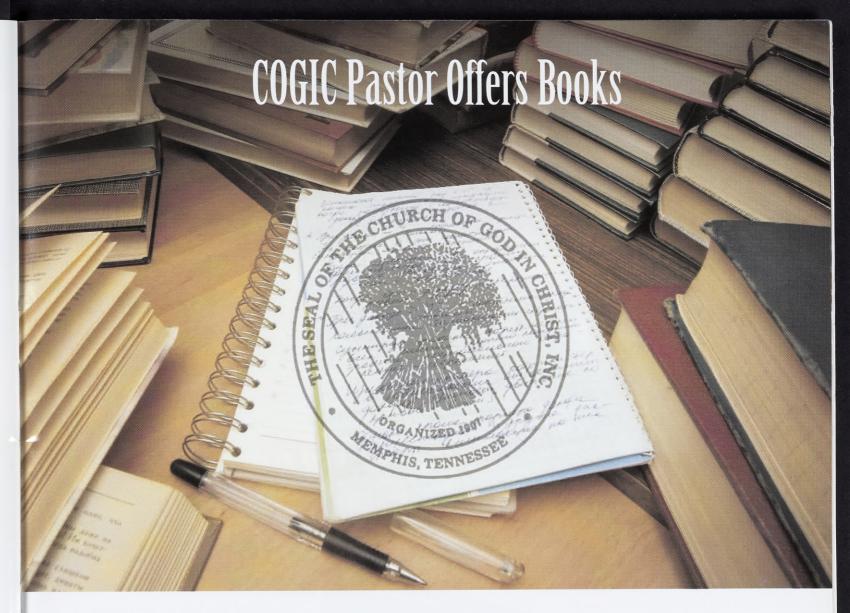
"They were committed to outreach ministry in their time and generation, Pastor Terrell said, but now I am on a mission to reach out and minister to those beyond the walls of Bostick Temple through the establishment of new ministries and programs."

He wants to see the church continue to grow and prosper just like the early church—because of the service and dedication of the church. "We want to become more diverse and committed as we reach out in new ways," Pastor

Terrell said. "When it comes down to it, we are committed to souls being saved. If we can accomplish that through outreach ministry, then that is all that matters." •



Bostick Temple COGIC, St. Louis, MO Elder Carl Terrell Pastor



The Church Of God In Christ is blessed with talented people and their expertise and preparation is needed in the world. Our Church is blessed to have *God called and inspired clergy*, and even more, those who have received advanced degrees from accredited schools. In the eastern part of the United States, Massachusetts' own, Dr. Samuel B. Hogan, Sr., is the founder and pastor of the Good Shepherd Church Of God In Christ in Boston. He has served as pastor for 30 years. Pastor Hogan is a graduate of the University of Detroit, the Harvard School of Education, and the Harvard Divinity School.

Elder Hogan was Professor of Preaching at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Wenham, Massachusetts for 27 years. At present, Elder Hogan is the Dean of the National Adjutancy of the Church Of God In Christ. He is the Denominational Counselor to Pentecostal Students and Instructor in Pentecostal Polity at the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge.

Dr. Hogan is also the Dean and founder of the Boston Christian Academy School of Practical Ministry, where he trains ministers and Christian leaders from many denominations across Massachusetts. He has a campus in Boston and one in Springfield, Massachusetts. Dr. Hogan has been instrumental in helping many denominations across America to organize their

leadership and educational programs in their churches.

All of this knowledge and preparation can be shared! He is the author of several books and his books would be helpful in any ministry. The titles of his books are: Is There A Word From Heaven; Preaching, Principal and Practice; Church Of God in Christ National Adjutant Training Manual, Vol I; Church Of God In Christ National Adjutant Training Manual, Vol II; Christian Leadership, In Authority, Under Authority; John Jasper, Slave Preacher; Spiritual Reflections; Preaching, Principals and Practice, 100 Year Centennial Edition.

Elder Hogan is a true son of the Church Of God In Christ. His father served as pastor in Southwest Michigan Jurisdiction for over 40 years. At present Dr. Hogan has brothers serving as pastors in churches located in Michigan. He has two sisters who are jurisdictional supervisors, Mother Regina Hogan-Edwards, Southwest Michigan #1, and Mother Loretta Hogan-Whitsett, Agape Jurisdiction, Michigan. Another sister, Carol Hogan-Williams, served on the National Trustee Board. Θ



General Board members, Bishops Mac Wells, Brooks and Blake attended the rite



ishop Green received support from General Supervisor of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers





A Rose for the departed Queen

General Board member, Bishop Samuel F. Green lost the love of his life, when God called home his wonderful wife, Mother Vivian F. Green. The entire Church Of God In Christ paused to offer condolence and to pay homage to a truly great lady of God. Mother Green was a highly visible and integral part of the Church Of God In Christ in Virginia and around the nation. The following is a brief biographical presentation.

Mrs. Vivian Frazier Green was the second in the family business and in the Church.

leadership skills. For sixty years of marriage

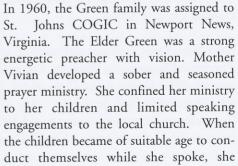
they shared in a life building experience for countless persons they encountered in their daily walk. To their union were born nine children; five daughters and four sons.

The ministry Mother shared with Bishop Green began in a round about way, after a brief stay in Boston, Massachusetts. Elder

Wilbert L. Daniels invited the Greens to attend revival services and Mother Green was saved and filled with the spirit. Bishop soon followed her in his life's spiritual commitment. In 1953, they embarked on a soul winning effort spanning over fifty-four years. Their early years were touched by Bishop D. Lawrence Williams. Mother Green's prayer life was cultivated and inspired by Mother

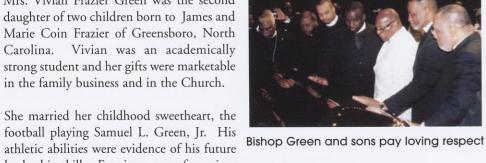
Jannie Williams, the mother of Bishop Williams.

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became a capable part of the Green one-two punch for Christ. At St. Johns she was involved in the choir, Sunday School, Telephone Prayer ministry, Missionary Board, President of the Ministers, Deacons and Trustees Wives, etc.

Beyond the local church, Mother Green's abilities opened doors for







Mother Green's daughters bid her farewell

her appearances on Paul and Jan Crouch, Jim and Tammy Baker's PTL Network, Richard Roberts' Television Show, the Pat Robertson's 700 Club and the National Religious Broadcasters Black Showcase. She was comfortable and at her best being COGIC in an ecumenical setting. Therefore, the Faith crowd of saints and friends for Living Richer Life Ministry she co-hosted with Bishop Green reached masses of people. In part, the ministry's success was due to the lovely lady with the beautiful smile and sweet demeanor: Mother Green.

Mother Green's work was pioneering for COGIC First Ladies. She helped the Bishop launch the St. Johns Church from 35 members into a modern expansive and productive institution. On the national scene Mother Green was always respected as a royal and dignified woman. She could praise God and rejoice and never loose her sense of presence.

In recent years, her health was failing her. Mother Vivian Green never failed the Lord. All

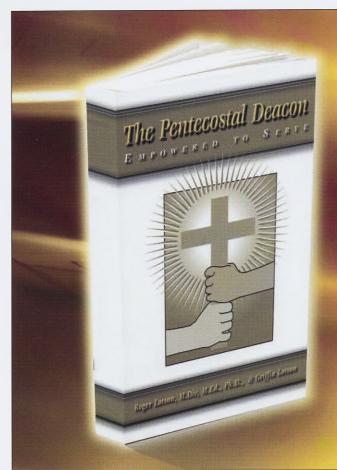
> things were done continually to the glory of God and the benefit of Saint Johns. She was a constant aide and supporter to Bishop Green. Their union in family and ministry matters was only breached by her death. Still, as long as Bishop lives and her children function, Mother Vivian Green will yet be having a positive affect.

The funeral was blessed with an overflow

The mournful and devoted husband has his last view

Mother Green leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted husband, Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.; and a legacy of love and faith in her children: Dr. Jacquelin Homes, Dr. Norvice Sellars (Dr. Clarence L. Sellers) Bishop Dwight L. Green, Sr. (Diane) Assistant Pastor Samuel L. Green, III, (Missionary Elaine Green); Evangelist Missionary Natalie A. Neal (Terry); Evangelist Missionary Naomi E. Green; Evangelist Missionary Deborah E. Golden (Pastor Michael Golden); Elder Philip X. Green, Sr. (Richelle); Pastor Michael D.

Green (Candace); Missionary Rosanna Grant and the host of grands, great-grands and relatives and friends. O



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Memphis, TN. - Evangelist Ann Marie Fletcher passed away on December 21, 2006. Known around the country for her great smile and able singing voice, Sister Fletcher was an ardent follower of Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. He personally used her talents to help evangelize and encourage spirited worship service. She served as the president of the Deborah Mason Patterson Memorial Choir and sang with the departed "First Lady of Tennessee Music", Madame Mattie Wigley. Together they electrified the hearts of listeners with their rendition of "Walk On By Faith, Each Day." Later in life she joined Bountiful Blessings with Bishop G.E. Patterson and continued her musical service.

and true friends, Karon Jean Phillips and Caron Dean

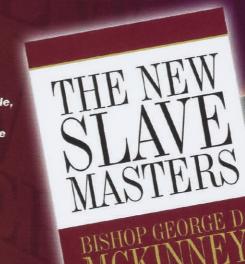


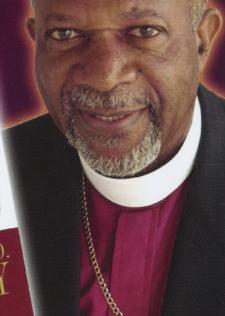
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really free at last? In his 224-page
response, the "new slavemasters"
become a powerful metaphor for the
contemporary African-American struggle,
as well as seemingly insurmountable
cycles of destructive behavior that have
enslaved people of all walks. The new
slavemasters are drugs, materialism,
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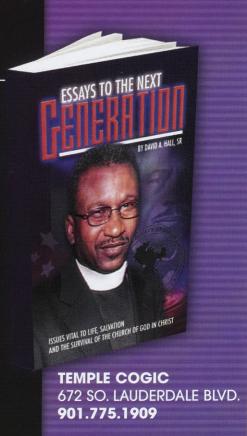
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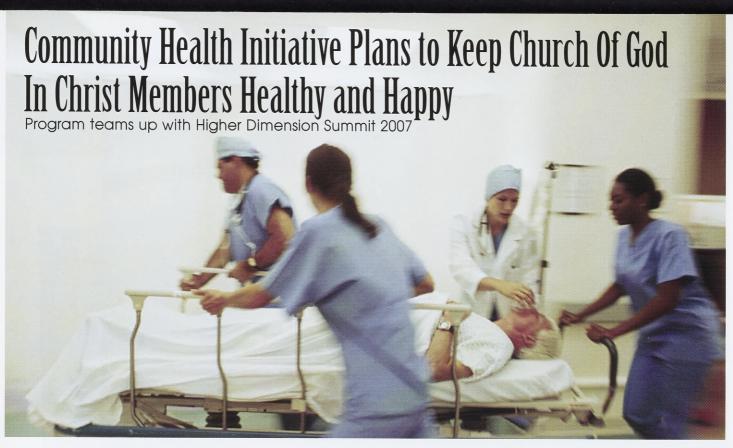


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By Alayna Adams

The Church Of God In Christ and director of the Department of Health, Elder Readus C. Smith, are partnering with ReadyHealthcare Services, SelfWell Systems, Drug Place and Circle Of Light Vitamins to create The Community Health Initiative (CHI), a community outreach program for saints of the Church Of God In Christ. The Community Health Initiative and its health plans aim to provide the best, most cost-efficient healthcare services in America to its members and the communities it serves.

CHI is a new program, within the church, that is committed to improving members' quality of life by providing a valuable plan for purchasing prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements and other healthcare products including a number of specific health plans. The Community Health Initiative is dedicated to educating COGIC members in all aspects of maintaining good health and a good quality of life with preventive measures. "In Romans 12, the Apostle Paul says we are to 'offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God and that in this is true worship," said Smith. "To keep our

bodies holy, they have to be healthy and that is why we have formed The Community Health Initiative to help our members stay healthy."

The outreach program is also creating a line of products with educational information on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. It also encourages participation in exercise and wellness classes. In the coming weeks, ReadyHealthcare will launch a cooking DVD that contains 14 healthy living recipes, including bonus material of 10 diabetic recipes.

The Community Health Initiative will go on a tour to faith-based communities across the nation to bring the message of healthy living. It has joined Bishop Jerry Maynard and will be traveling with the Higher Dimension Summit 2007 to 40 cities across America in an effort to send the message around the world to "Maximize Your Potential."

During the summits, CHI will visit churches, conduct health fairs

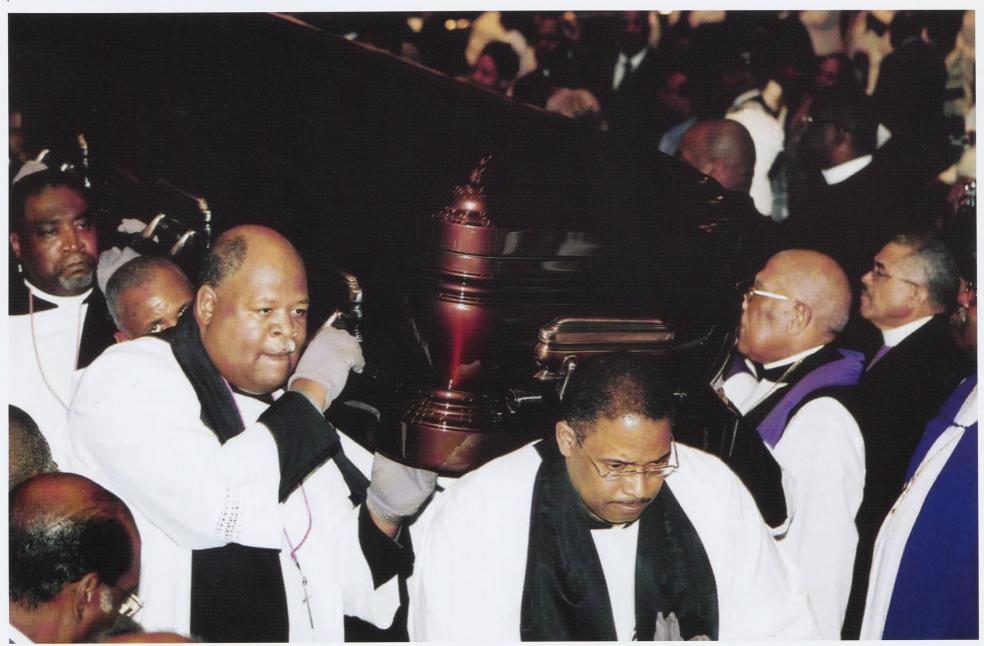
and enroll members as well as host church services and concerts. "We are excited about the opportunity to have the COGIC Department of Health, ReadyHealthcare Services and the Community Health Initiative partnering with the Higher Dimension Summit," said Maynard. "Our goal is to educate those suffering from preventable - and often deadly - illnesses and teach them how to improve their health and wellbeing." The Community Health Initiative will also make appearances at more than 75 Church Of God In Christ jurisdictional meetings and state convoca-



Elder Readus Smith

This year, CHI plans to enroll 200,000 people nationally through the faith-based community. It is the Community Health Initiative's goal to open more than 100 community life and health centers around the country by 2009.

Ready Healthcare Services is a parent operating company with corporate offices in Nashville, Tenn. It has recently opened a distribution warehouse in Nashville as well as a customer service call center. O





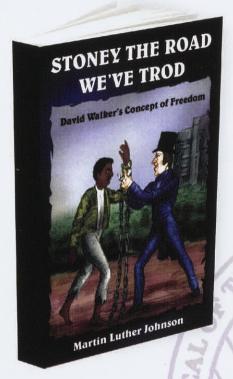
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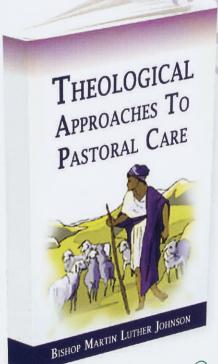
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Convinced that the final chapter about the life of David Walker had not been written, Dr. Johnson presents a constructive and provocative approach to the life and struggles of this man. His approach gets to the core of American racism and presents a challenge to future generations to pursue clarifications of, and answers to, the inconsistency between enslavement by white Americans and Christianity's message of Jesus Christ. Deeply rooted in this book is the urging to re-read Black history specifically, and American history in general, in an effort to arrive at a point of creative and positive dialogue. Because theological themes of racism, liberation, and social justice are pervading focusses of the work, one must get in touch with the Jesus of History in order to get a better grasp of the Christ of Faith. One must come to grips with who Jesus is and experience a deeper undergirding of the reality of Him in order to understand the meaning and purpose of total and complete liberation. Jesus Christ is tantamount to liberation and reconciliation of persons, but total reconciliation is predicated upon repentance of the persons, systems, and institutions responsible for the original alienation.

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